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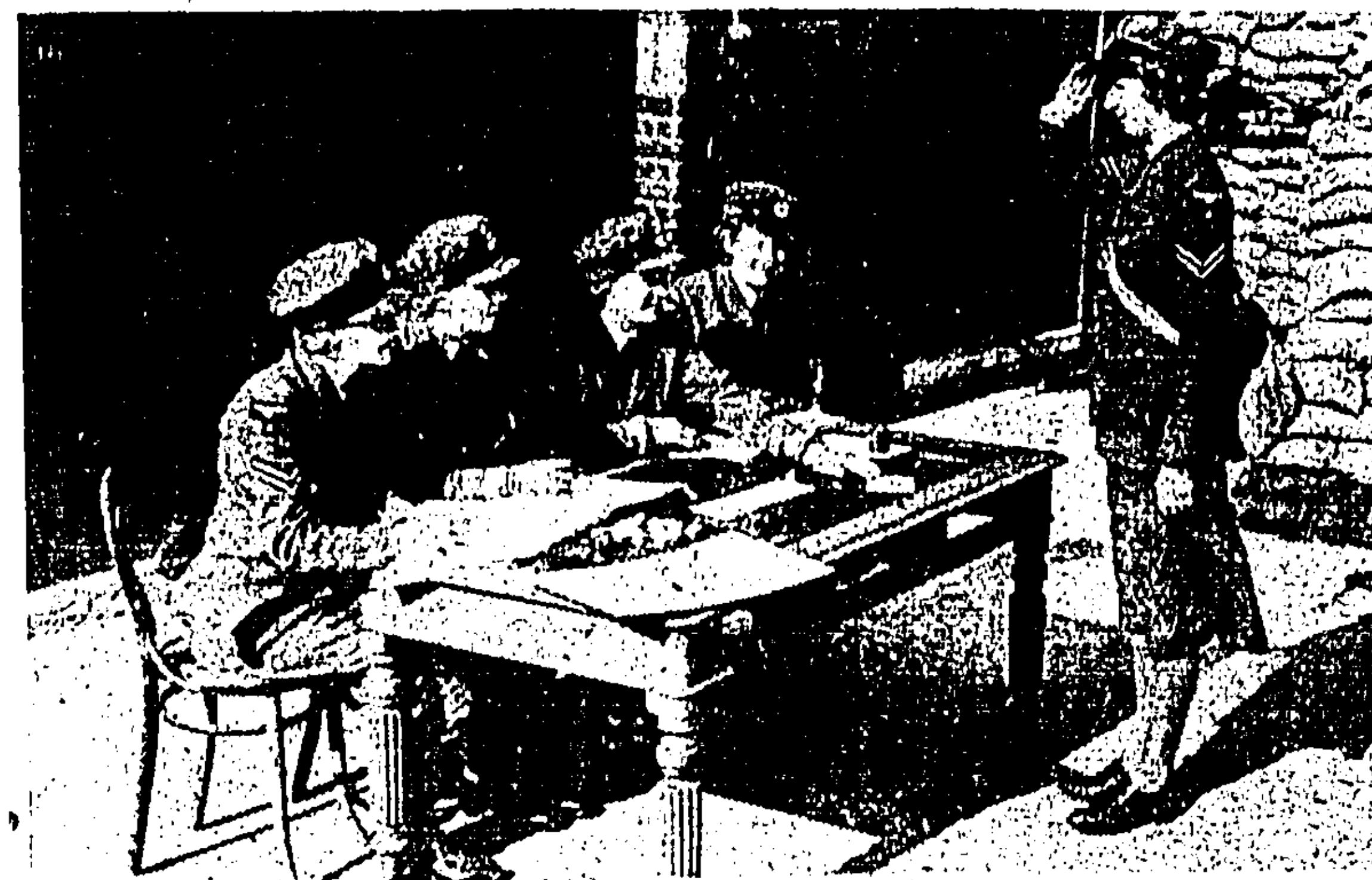
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Modern Amazons

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Chin up and keep smiling. That is the motto of to-day, and this young lady seems to have the right idea. Mind you, she's not a casualty, but a willing patient during first-aid lessons for some of her fellows of the Women's Transport Service.

Among the great number of people on the "home front" who are busy with civil defence work, are women. Night and day they are to be seen at their posts, prepared for any emergency. This girl in decontamination outfit is attached to the Ardwick A.R.P. depot.



A River Emergency Service Nurse signals during practice on the River Thames. Over 300 women are engaged in work for the River Service.



Not a Wild West girl, but an Auxiliary Territorial examining revolvers when cleaning them in the Armoury. This picture was taken at an Army depot in the country, and demonstrates how the girls of the County have rallied to their Regiment's aid by joining the A.T.S. and thrusting themselves fully into useful work.

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By Ely Culbertson

"DEAR Mr. Culbertson: The enclosed hand came up in a session of rubber bridge and caused a spirited argument between my partner and me. I should preface the discussion by saying that this partner is notorious for the lightness of his take-out doubles, a predilection with which I am in vigorous opposition.

"East, dealer.

Rubber bridge.

"North-South vulnerable.

"East-West 40 part-score.

NORTH S-8 H-K 10 8 5 3 D-9 8 C-A 10 7 6 3	EAST S-A K 10 5 4 H-9 2 D-K J C-Q J 8 2
WEST S-J 7 6 H-J 7 4 D-A 7 5 4 C-9 5 4	SOUTH S-Q 9 3 2 H-A Q 6 D-Q 10 6 3 2 C-K

"I sat South. East dealt and opened with one spade. I passed with hopes of cracking down later. West stretched it to two spades, which was needed for game. North doubled. East decided to await developments and passed. I, figuring my partner for a long, nearly solid club suit, to which he could run, and probably an outside king, bid two no trump. West doubled. North passed. East passed and I redoubled. West passed. North bid three clubs and all passed.

"My reasoning was this: Partner evidently had pulled one of his weird take-out doubles and had no

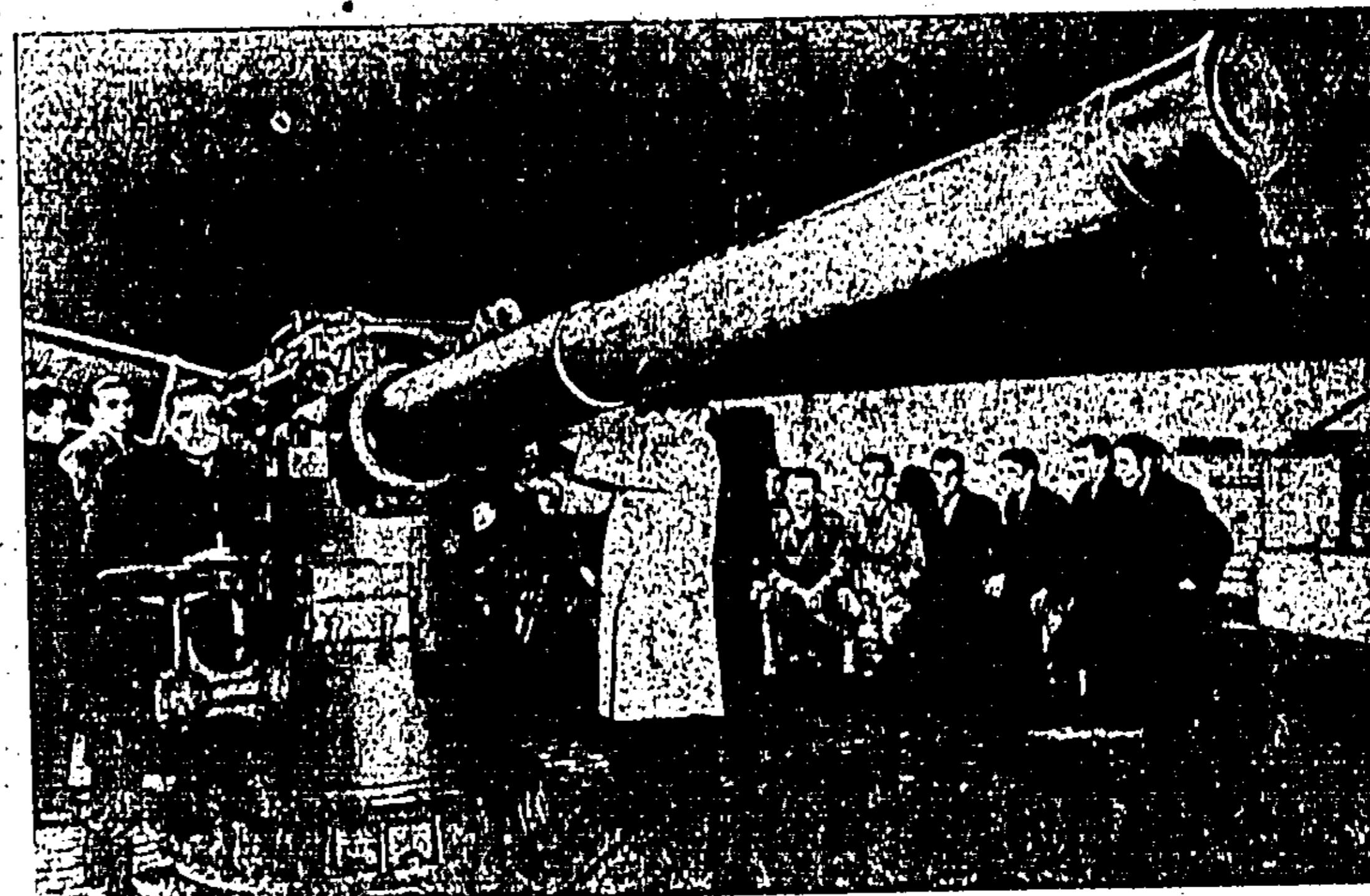
entry in his hand outside of the club suit. Therefore I saw myself playing all the cards from my own hand at no trump and, if I bid three no trump, getting doubled again, taking a wicked set.

Partner took it on the chin plenty at three clubs and raved that I couldn't possibly leave him in the contract. My lady fair who sat beside me and who is really one of my favourite partners said succinctly what she would have done to me had I left her in with three clubs with my hand. [My opponents, however, were very gracious about the whole thing.] What really got under my skin was that North was unwilling to give me credit for any brains and to trust my redouble of two no trump. I shall be happy to have your critical analysis.

"W. P. H., Boston."

What happened on this hand is what happens every time a player fluctuates between optimism and pessimism. North's take-out double was, of course, horrible. Undoubtedly he realised this fact and, when South's two no trump response was doubled and redoubled, just couldn't stand the gaff. I cannot say that I blame him for feeling that such a contract might meet a fate worse than death, but the point is that he should have thought of that in the first place.

I must say, however, that I don't know exactly what caused the controversy between North and South, since the penalty could not have been very bad. Three clubs was not doubled and at 100 points a trick there should have been no holocaust. It is interesting to note that the one good contract available to North-South was virtually impossible to reach by logical bidding methods. I refer, of course, to hearts. Looking at the combined hands any one would prefer a three heart contract



Sailors of Britain's Merchant Navy are learning to defend themselves and their ships against attack. In several schools, on training ships and elsewhere, officers and petty officers of the Royal Navy are instructing Merchant seamen in the use of guns so that they may handle defensive armament with which passenger ships, cargo vessels, trading steamers and tramps are equipped. In this view, Merchant seamen are shown receiving instruction on a breach loading surface gun. (Copyright, Fox).

to any other, but reaching it would be quite another matter. Surely North could not afford to bid it over two spades, nor even over South's two no trump bid. If three clubs had been doubled that would have been something else. Then North might have tried hearts as a possible refuge.

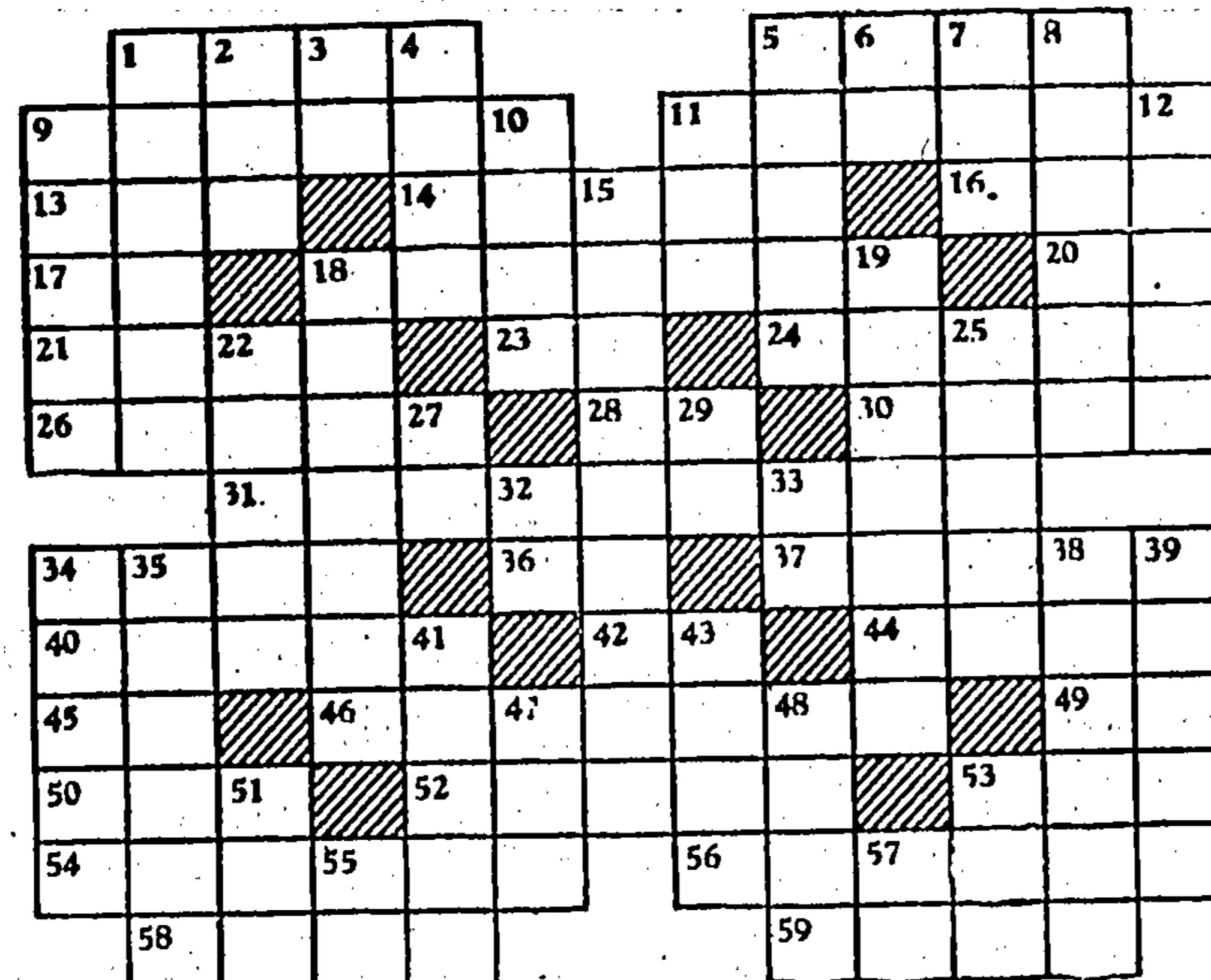
As to South's action in passing to three clubs, I do not see any possible ground for criticism. What should he have done? Rescue an undoubled contract with his anaemic diamond suit? Or should he have bid three no trump after North had run out of a two no trump doubled contract? My answer is that North-South should not even have entered the bidding; that they should have permitted East's two spade contract to stand—and defeated it!

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FACETIOUS PUBLICITY

FOYLE'S of London never miss any occasion to get publicity. The New York Times carried a photograph of two Foyle clerks dumping bags of books on the roof of the London store to serve in place of sand-bags. Prominently displayed among the books thus being dumped were copies of the English edition of "Mein Kampf." —Publishers' Weekly, New York.

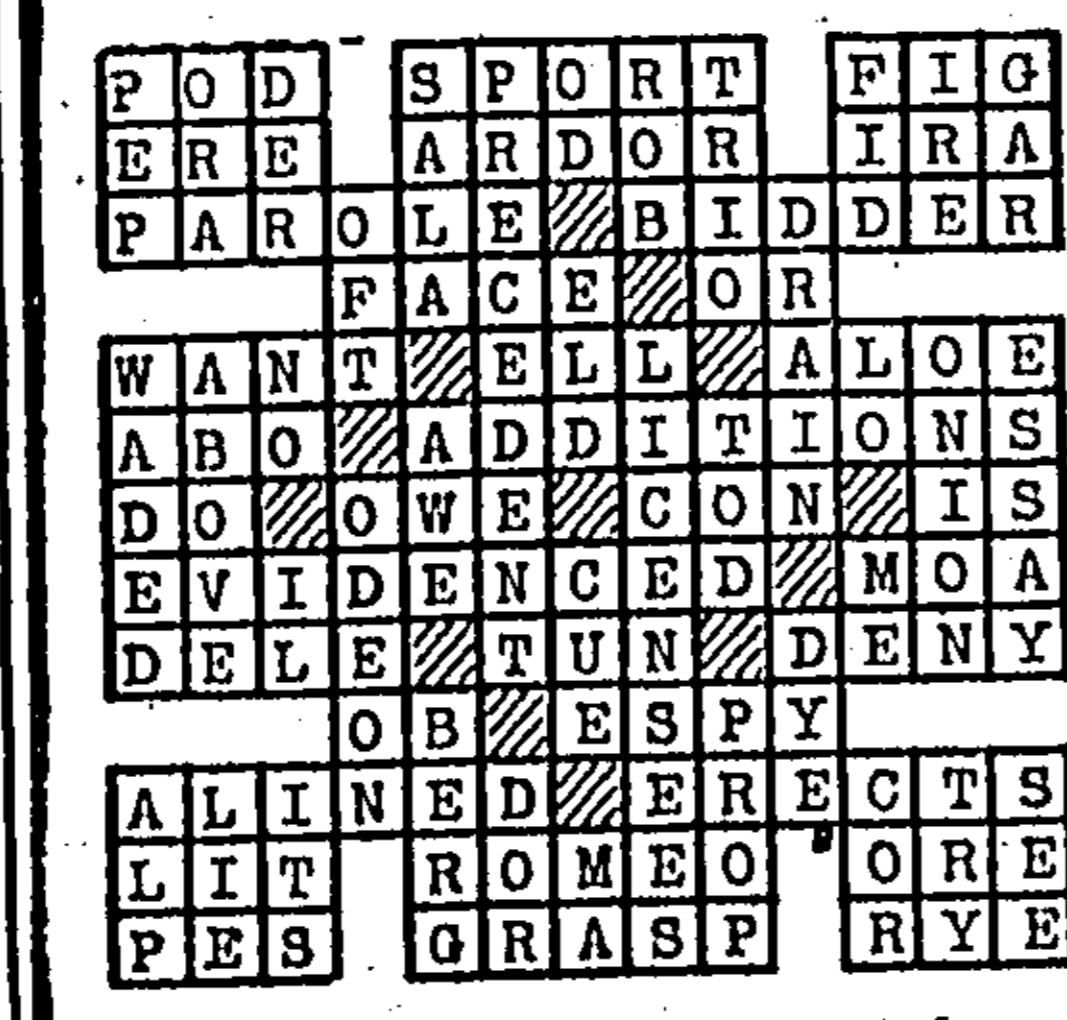
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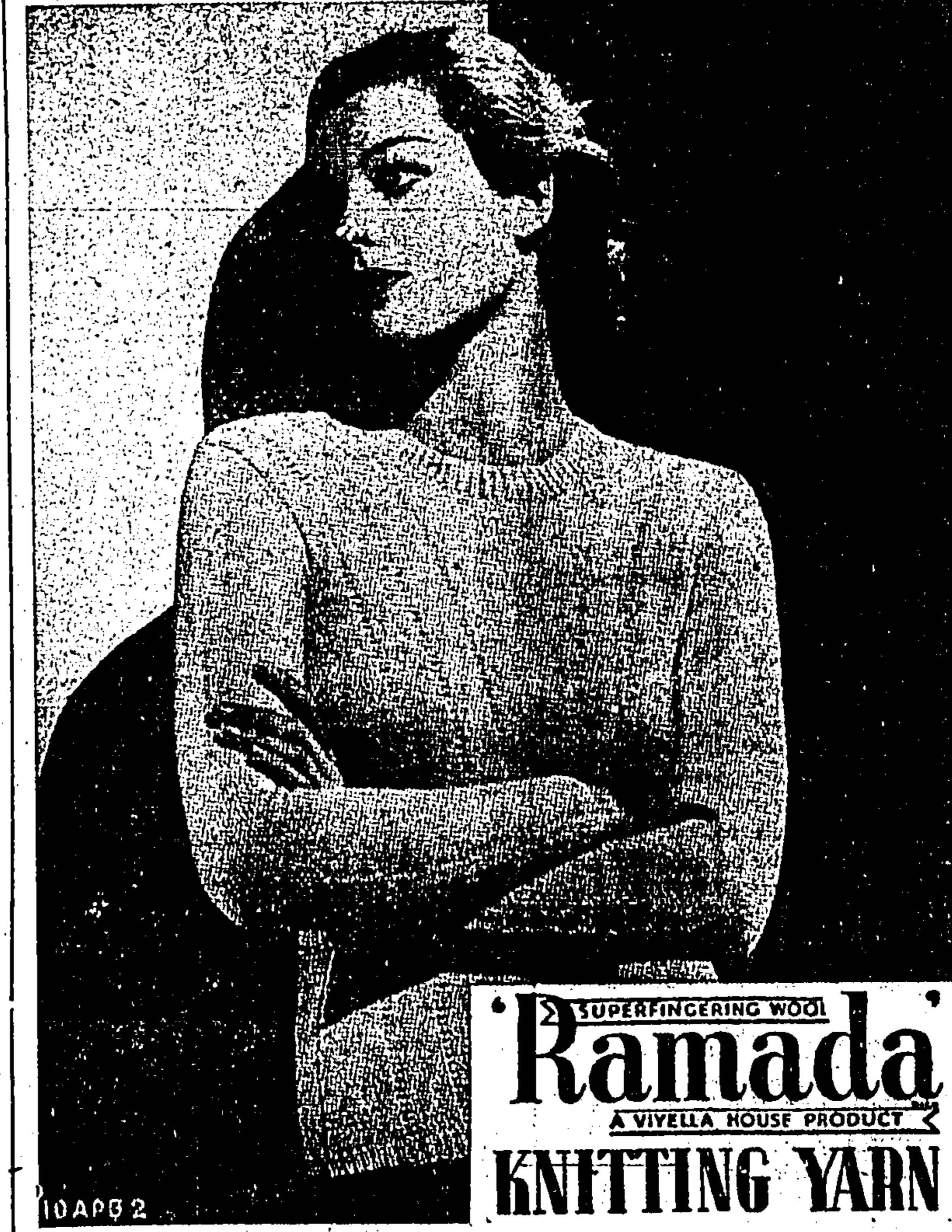
- 1 Protective influence
- 5 Fuel
- 9 Dishes
- 11 Airplane shed
- 13 Hindu pillar
- 14 Poet
- 16 South American language
- 17 By
- 18 National
- 20 Roman gods
- 21 Ardor
- 23 Teutonic deity
- 24 Measures
- 26 Protective covering
- 28 State (abbr.)
- 30 Constructed
- 31 Claimant
- 34 Buddhist language
- 36 Conjunction
- 37 Attack
- 40 Plump
- 42 Exists
- 44 To-ri
- 45 Artificial language
- 46 German athletes

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



VERTICAL

- 49 Extremely
- 50 To devour
- 52 Greek letter
- 53 Cached
- 54 Mythological beast
- 56 Tinctures deeply
- 58 Combat
- 59 Equal
- 1 Click beetle
- 2 Ship channel
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 Withered
- 5 Gem weight
- 6 Aboard
- 7 In the past
- 8 Disembarked
- 9 Open square
- 10 Edge
- 11 Pronoun
- 12 To elevate
- 15 Joining
- 18 Flower dealer
- 19 Bemoans
- 22 Sufficient
- 25 To analyze
- 27 Note of scale
- 29 Article
- 32 Toward
- 33 To accomplish
- 34 Pondered
- 35 On ship
- 38 Less difficult
- 39 Steps on
- 41 Antiseptic solution
- 43 Prefix: half
- 47 Japanese coin
- 48 Sloping walk
- 51 Greek letter
- 53 Tint
- 55 Earth goddess
- 57 To exist



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Each Beauty Type Attracts Men

If you are not getting the admiration and attention you desire from the men you know, it is about time you had a frank session with yourself, says Patricia Lindsay

Why sulk because you are not the current "oomph" girl? Doing so only makes you morbid and turns down your mouth unattractively. Far better to concentrate on making yourself over into the beauty type you want to be, and can be, and put an end to the defeatist attitude.

For it stands to reason if you find yourself sitting alone at home unloved, when other young girls are out having fun, the trouble is with your attitude. Do you honestly make the effort necessary to attain attractiveness?

Do you dress as smartly as your budget allows?

If your skin and hair and figure get only infrequent attention it is no wonder that Romeos do not cast loving glances your way. Men like beauty, and will always like beauty, so why not live up to their expectations? Your skin should be as flawless as beauty aids and time can make it; your hair must shine from daily brushings and be worn as a lovely frame. Make-up must be meticulously chosen and very carefully applied to enhance the latent beauty of You. It takes effort too, to watch menus and to exercise enough to keep your figure trim and attractive, but the dividends such effort pays will include admiring glances from those you want to impress.

Bear in mind one more thing—you can be the most gorgeous creature in town to look at, and still be unpopular, if your mannerisms are reproachful. What you do and say, and how you do it, and say it, are very important if you desire people to like you.

Try being as nice as possible—in your own home as well as abroad—and don't think for a moment that "nice girls" are outmoded. Men today admire generosity, sympathy, tolerance, kindness, thoughtfulness and truthfulness, just as much as men did when the world began. Those traits, expertly handled, are winners every time, and if you meet up with a swain who minimizes these essentials to loveliness, don't waste another moment in his company! He is not worth your time!

Love and marriage are for you as well as any other woman, providing you seek them in the right manner. Every woman who has caught the man she adored, spent a great deal of effort doing it, and never forget that. Your charm is a decoy, to lure man's attention to you. Once you capture his attention hold onto it by keeping your person attractively groomed and nicely dressed, and by being the sweetest, dearest most lovely girl in all the world. That's the way it is done!

BRIDE'S SALAD

Here is a beautiful salad to serve for Wedding Parties:

1 large can sliced pineapple
1 large can pears
1 large can white cherries
1/2 lb. almonds
1/3 lb. marshmallows

Drain and cut the fruits. Chop the nuts and cut the marshmallows with a wet scissors. Make the following cooked dressing:

1/3 cup Gloria Irradiated Evaporated Milk, undiluted
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Juice of 1 lemon
1/4 teaspoon mustard

Cook this over hot water until it thickens. Cool. Fold it into 2 cups Gloria Milk, whipped. Combine with the fruit, which has been well drained, add the nuts and fold in the marshmallows carefully. Put in refrigerator overnight, and when serving, surround with crisp lettuce.



The enchanting songstress, Aurelia Colomo, hangs red peppers around her neck and in her ears and then matches their colour in a lipstick. Her vivacity fascinates and charms.

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EXERCISE 2



Reverse Exercise 1. Begin with mouth closed and gradually open to wide smile. Keep muscles tense and lifted as high as possible.

EXERCISE 3



Begin with mouth closed in a wide smile, and with cheek muscles lifted as high as possible. Tense all muscles. Slowly, forcefully, reduce smile until lips are puckered. Then push lips as far forward as possible in a small oval shape. Retain this tense pose for about five seconds. Relax.

EXERCISE 4

Reverse Exercise 3 beginning with lips pushed forward and pull them back into wide, closed smile. Repeat once.

EXERCISE 5

Keep mouth closed and lips in a horizontal line throughout this exercise. With face muscles tense, contract and relax cheekbone muscles. Repeat this contracting and relaxing several times. If correctly performed the upper cheek muscles will move up and down. Relax for a few seconds. Repeat once.

EXERCISE 6

Tense face muscles, lifting cheek muscle as high as possible. Keeping mouth closed, force pressure against your cheeks and lips from the inside, and quickly relax. In this exercise cheeks will tend to round out as if you were blowing a horn but you should exert enough muscular resistance to keep the roundness somewhat in check. Repeat three times. Do not hold your breath for more than two or three seconds.



Open mouth widely, as if laughing heartily. Lift cheek muscles as high as possible, tensing them. Force the mouth to close gradually against resistance until you appear to be suppressing a forceful laugh. Retain this tense pose for about five seconds. Relax. Repeat once.

TO-DAY
If a woman and January 21 is your birthday, your personality ought to attract many people. You are likely to have an exceptionally good eye for colours and may display excellent judgment in selecting them for decorative purposes. You perhaps do too much for others and too little for yourself. Unselfishness frequently leads people born on this date into becoming voluntary slaves for selfish, self-centred people, who take undue advantage of them. If in the battle of life you will stick to your guns you will come out a victor. As an artist, singer, antique dealer, restaurant manager, author, actress or teacher your work may be greatly appreciated and richly rewarded. The enduring quality of your love is perhaps the clearest indication that your marriage will be a great success.

The child born on January 21, has frequently a far more sensitive nature than its parents or friends realise. Parents must avoid trying to make this child jealous, through a selfish desire to tease. The good disposition of children born on this date are often spoiled by being pestered and plagued by persons who delight in seeing them lose their tempers.

If a man and January 21 is your natal day, you might consider yourself a law unto yourself, which would be a grievous mistake. Be open-minded, fair and just, if you wish to succeed. Legal, medical, literary, financial, musical, mechanical or promotional work may furnish you with the inspiration needed to win laurels and a fortune.

MONDAY

If a woman and January 22 is your birthday, you are probably quick to grasp the import of complicated problems. Your good judgment is likely to result in your making many wise decisions. Facts appeal to you, but surmises are apt to irritate you especially if someone expresses his opinion regarding any matter that he is really not qualified to pass judgment on. Circumstances always alter cases, and in your experience you may discover that the average person too often reaches a conclusion without knowing conditions, situations, and perhaps emergencies responsible for courses pursued. Your tenacity will enable you to overcome obstacles, reverses, or any opposition you might encounter in a business or professional career. As a business or professional woman, particularly in the selling, literary or artistic field, you should win a remarkable amount of flattering publicity and have a run of financial luck. A great deal of pleasure and happiness is likely to come to you through your marriage.

The child born on January 22 may want to have its own way, especially in planning things with its playmates. In this particular it is important that parents take the trouble to make this youngster realise the error of its ways. Generally very smart, children born on this date, have little difficulty in making their

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Mary Blake Gives You - - - Your Birthday Horoscope

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way in any undertaking.

If a man and January 22 is your natal day, fate seems ready to lead to happiness. Chemistry, exploration, politics, acting, theology, brokeraging, writing, and dramatic work are among the lines of activity through which prosperity and success might be won by you.

TUESDAY

If a woman and January 23 is your birthday, to be happy you must be sure that whatever you do, is done in moderation. Extravagance is frequently the medium through which unhappiness comes to many born on this date. Kind-hearted and generous to a fault, you ought to enjoy the good will of many people. You can, with little effort, develop your intellectual faculties to a marked degree. Your love for beautiful and luxurious things is apt to be satisfied through your acquisition of money. You may be reluctant to take advice, but this trait, at times, might be a mistake. Work along some artistic line of endeavour. Writing, brokeraging or teaching ought to provide the means of an excellent livelihood and an enviable reputation. A congenial husband and the developing of common interests should help make your married life a very happy one.

The child born on January 23 generally has many possibilities through the development of latent talents. A good brain and steady nerves ought to be among this youngster's greatest assets.

If a man and January 23 is your natal day, if you overcome any inclination you might have to sidetrack important issues, nothing can impede your progress. In electrical engineering, agricultural, botanical, architectural, theatrical, educational, literary, theological or promotional work you can make money and a great deal of pleasure and happiness is likely to come to you through your marriage.

WEDNESDAY

If a woman and January 24 is your birthday, through intuition you will avoid making many mistakes. You ought to be very versatile, particularly in cultural achievements. Although you are not inclined to take life too seriously, you do not believe in ignoring its responsibilities. You are not apt to suffer from a lack of discretion, for prudence ought to be one of your outstanding characteristics. It would appear that by nature you are more or less of an enthusiast, and it probably will be through extraordinary zeal that you eventually will become successful. As a newspaper woman, author, artist, musician, business executive or sales agent your chances to make a fine record appear to have much to do in making your married life a success.

The child born on January 24 is frequently either decidedly artistic or mechanically inclined. Children born on this date usually do things in an original fashion, often ignoring all rules. Through the developing of fine personalities they are frequently among fortune's favourites.

If a man and January 24 is your natal day, you have the ability to recognise your faults and shortcomings. You will reap a rich reward if you make the effort to overcome them. In politics, theology, acting, authorship, lecturing, exploring, manufacturing, painting or work of a professional nature your most ambitious hopes may be realised.

THURSDAY

If a woman and January 25 is your birthday, control your imagination or it can get you into trouble. You should make it a hard and fast rule to deal in facts, never in suppositions. You might be very susceptible to suggestions, and some of your friends are liable to make some very poor ones, so be ever ready to accept the good, but to reject the bad ones. If you meet with success

as you should, be constantly on your guard against the trickery, envy and jealousy that might be infused in those who have a selfish interest to serve at your expense. As a businesswoman, reporter, author, actress, teacher, broker, artist, musician or radio broadcaster your achievements may give you ample justification to feel proud of yourself. Marriage ought to further rather than hinder your plans for the future.

The child born on January 25, ought to be wide-awake, with plenty of spirit, and an ambition to become something quite worthwhile. This youngster's ingenuity is likely to discover ways and means to do whatever it wants to. Children born on this date, upon reaching maturity, often discover the secret that unlocks the gateway to success.

If a man and January 25 is your natal day, it will be through good judgment and your talents that fame and fortune may be won by you. Through journalism, promoting, theatrical or educational work, selling, manufacturing, painting or architecture your pocketbook may grow heavy and your name become widely known.

FRIDAY

If a woman and January 26 is your birthday, you may mask your feelings in such a manner that will make people wonder just how you feel about them and others near and dear to you. It might help to increase your happiness if you display your sentimental nature when there is an occasion to show it. Never take yourself too seriously if you wish to be popular. Your desire to succeed must not be permitted to make you indifferent to the claims your family and friends have upon you. If you develop all of your good qualities the very few poor ones you have will never be discernible. As a designer, artist, musician, author, teacher, actress, interior decorator, broker or business executive you ought to find your work greatly appreciated and well paid. You can

regulate your matrimonial affairs in such a way as to get gratifying results.

The child born on January 26, is usually a good mixer, a quick thinker and a lover of games that require skill and physical fitness. Through self-confidence and enthusiasm, children born on this date generally make their way through life without the slightest difficulty.

If a man and January 26 is your natal day, if you avoid the temptation of trying to get rich quick, and will concentrate your efforts on building a firm foundation for the future, your chances of going through life with flying colours are excellent. As a composer, writer, politician, promoter, salesman, financier, manufacturer, inventor, clergyman or actor your opportunities to win an enviable social and financial position appear to be unlimited.

SATURDAY

If a woman and January 27 is your birthday, you may have no fear and consequently be apt to take unnecessary risks. Perhaps you are inclined to be a bit too much of an idealist, particularly when it comes to placing confidence in comparative strangers and their statements. You most likely prefer to command than to be commanded, so you might find it difficult to take orders from anyone. You seem to be destined to meet many worthwhile people, among whom you are likely to find a number of celebrities included. Theatrical, radio, or moving picture contracts, newspaper work, interior decorating, selling, a musical career or painting might give you a chance to make money and become famous. Married life should have many advantages and much happiness to offer you.

The child born on January 27, usually brings an abundance of joy into the lives of those near and dear to it. Having only a few minor faults and many splendid qualities, this youngster's future should be exceedingly bright.

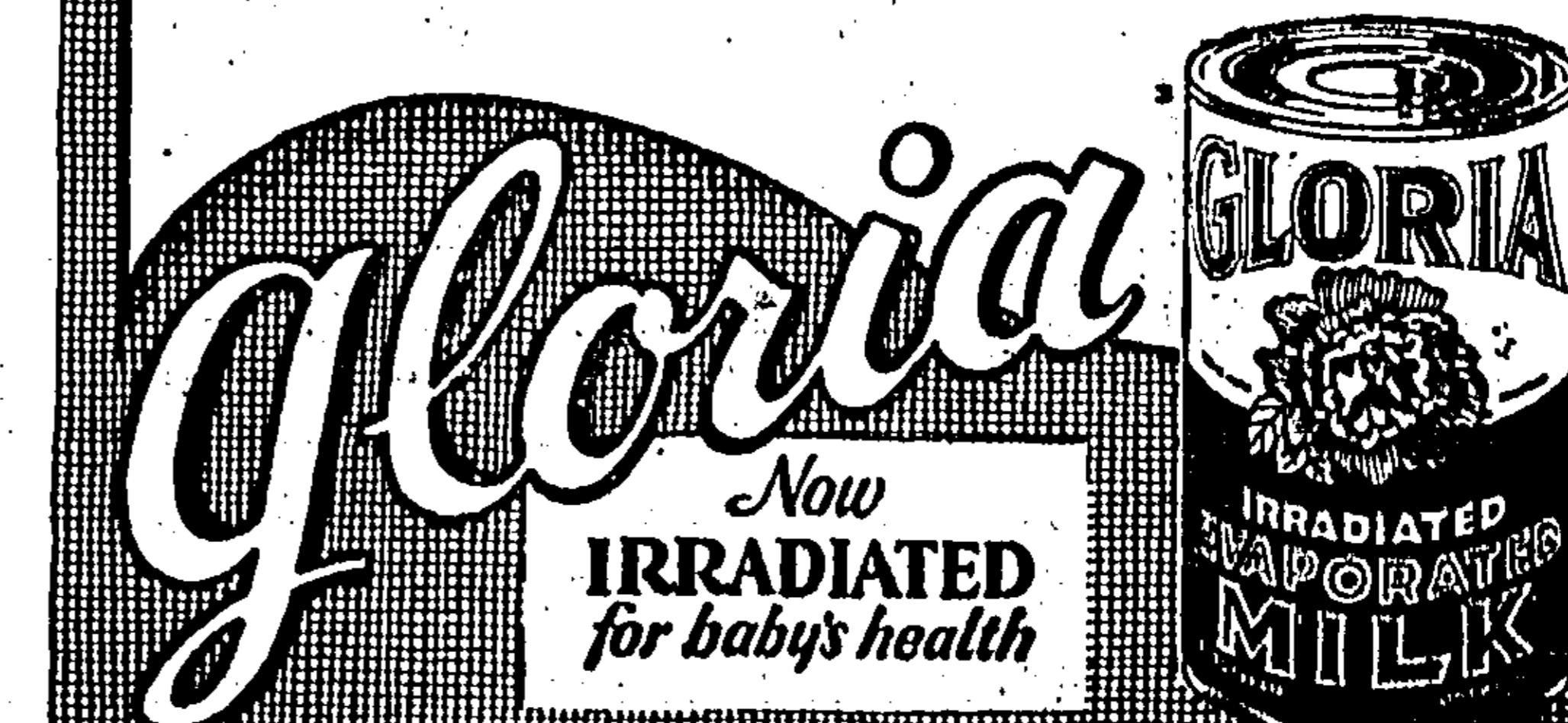
If a man and January 27 is your natal day, you are wise enough to know your limitations, and so, most likely, you concentrate upon the things you know how to do best. Your best chance for success is to specialise in one particular line of activity. The army, navy, aviation, journalism, educational work, acting, selling, painting, manufacturing or inventing might provide you with the means of becoming wealthy and famous.



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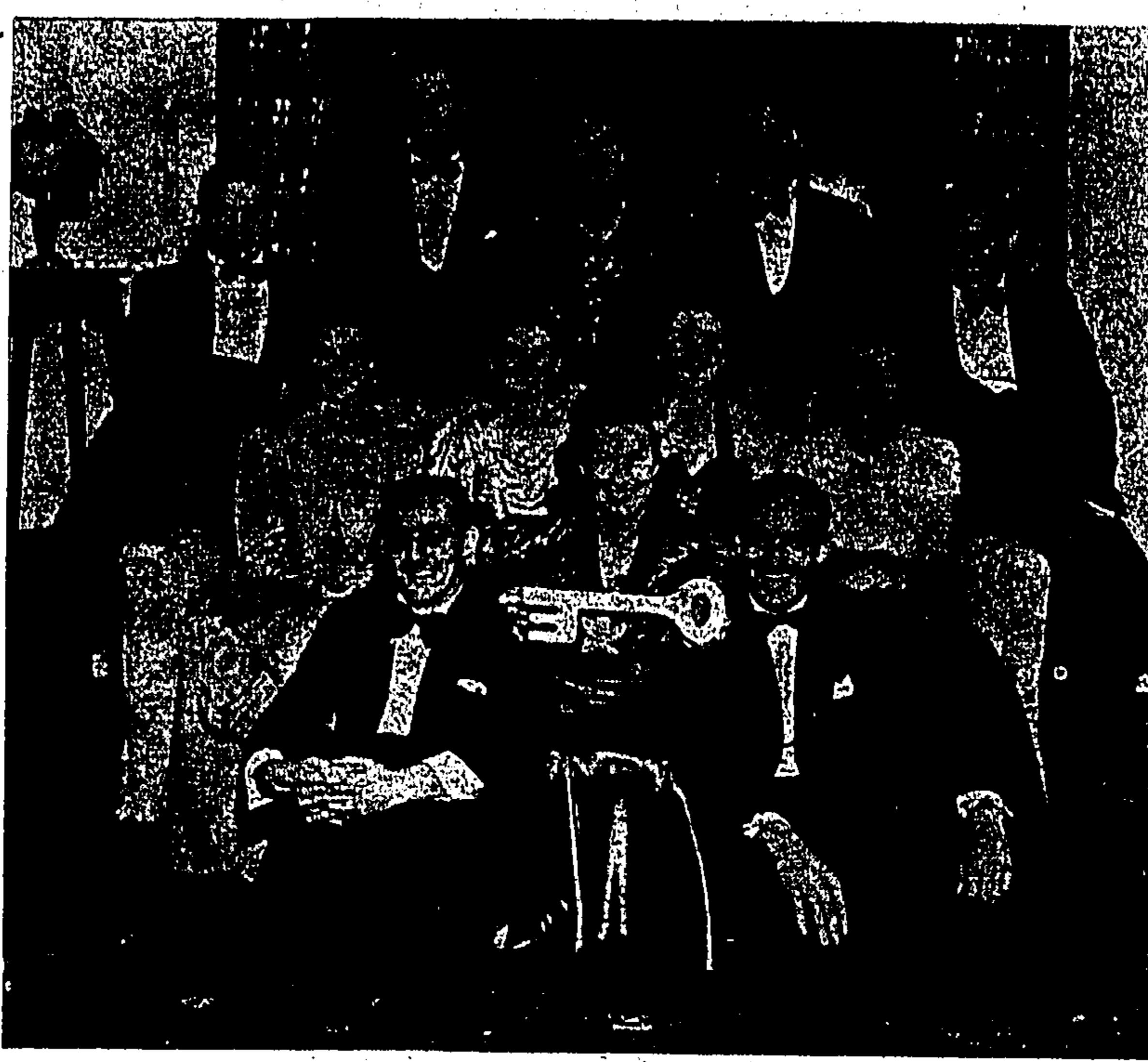
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MOSTLY



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Grant, photographed after their marriage on January 13 at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. The bride is the former Miss Ester Olsen of California.



The Second Annual Dinner of the Army Teacher's Club was held at Cafe Wiseman on January 16. This group photograph is of the people who attended. (King's Studio).



A grouping of St. Paul's Basket-

GROUPS



The 6th Hong Kong (St. John's Cathedral) Troop of Scouts pose with their Scout Master. (King's Studio).



Photograph taken on the occasion of the Farewell Party given by the St. Paul's Church Choir for their Choirmaster, Mr. A. Chan, before his departure to Australia. (King's Studio).



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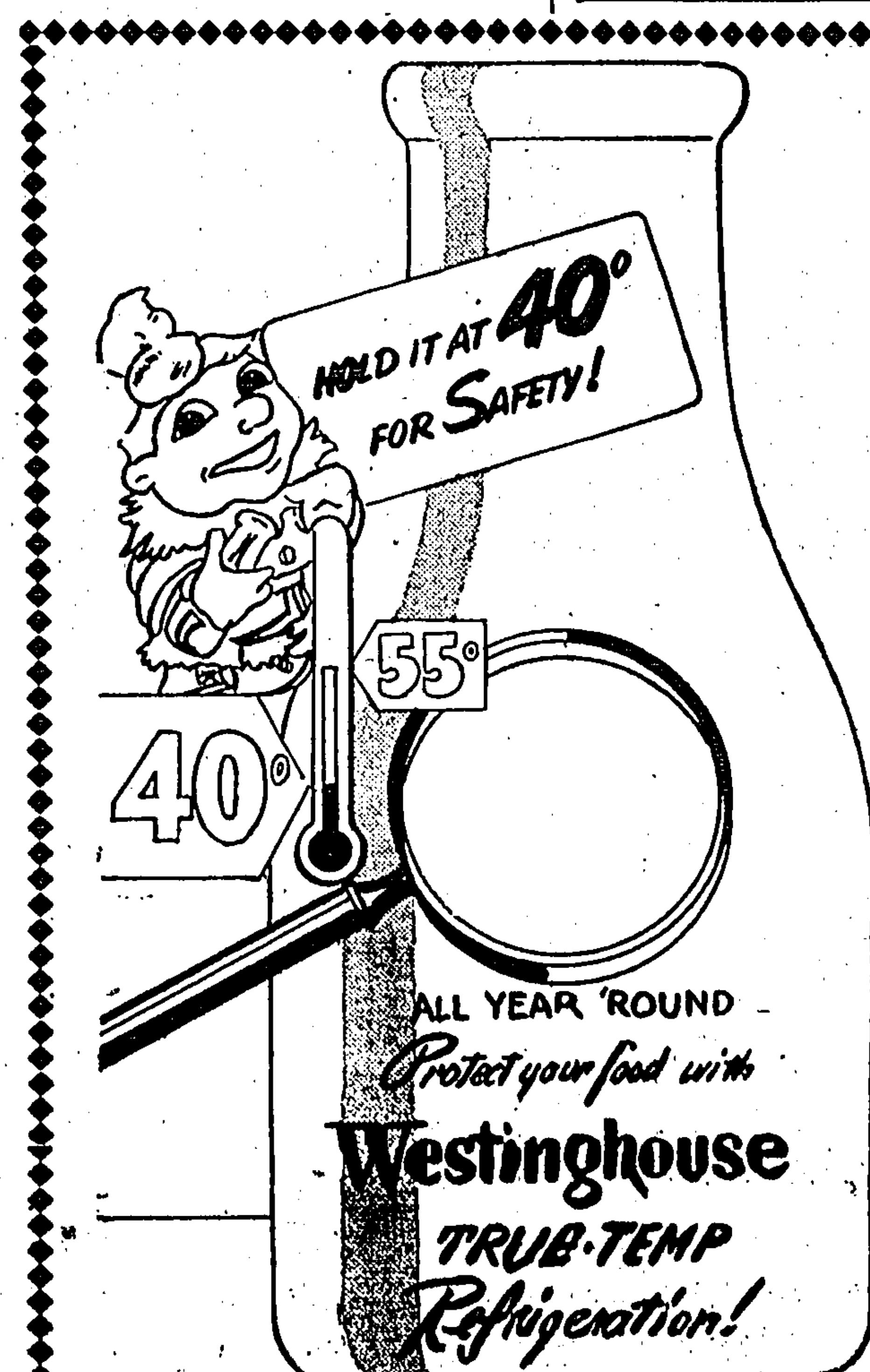
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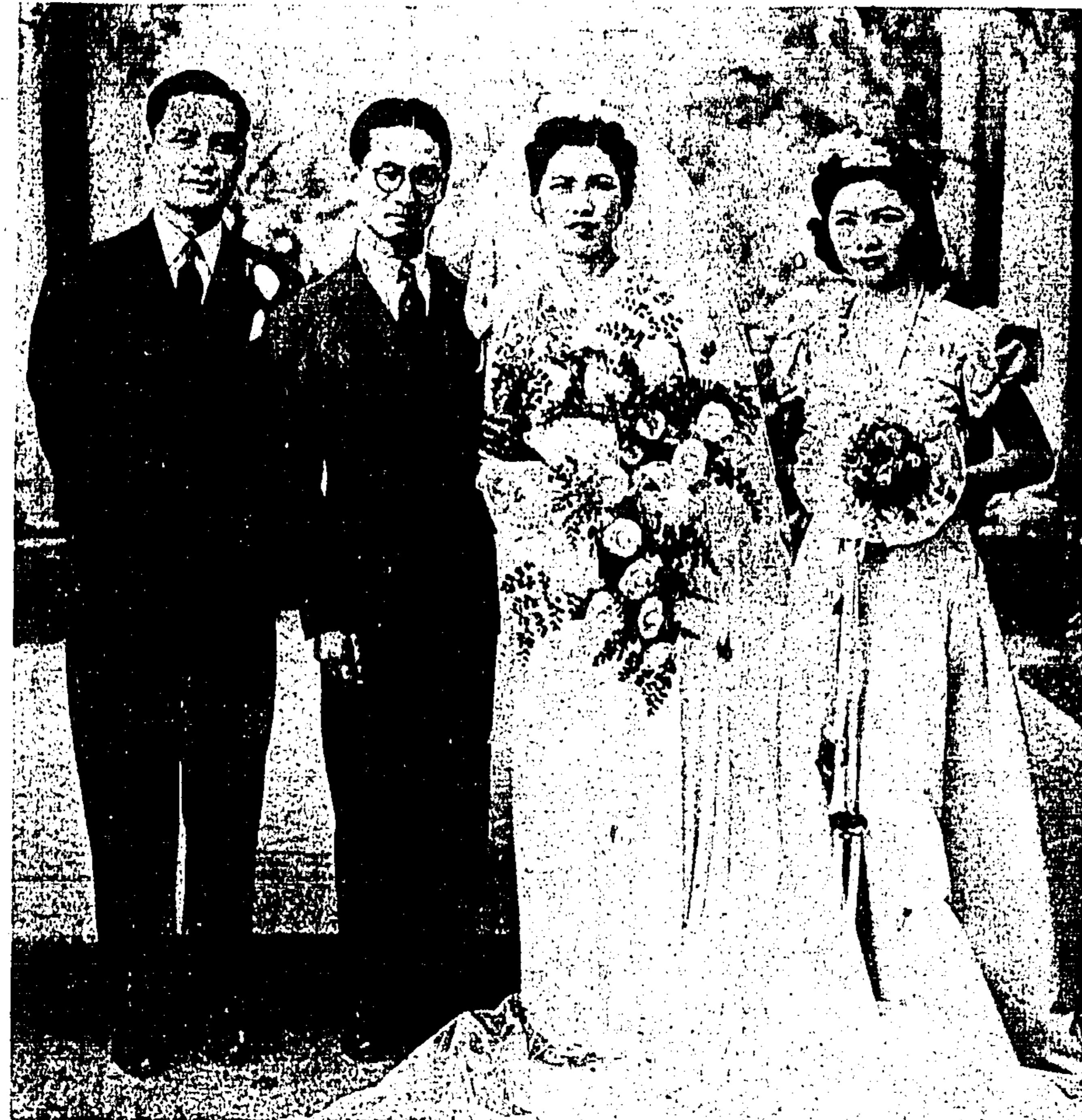
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Recent Chinese Weddings



Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Wong who were married at St. Joseph's Church on January 9. The bride is the former Miss Tse. (King's Studio).



Mr. Ling Chuen Chow and his bride, the former Miss Phoa Tji Ing, whose recent marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court. (King's Studio).



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Photograph taken at the Kam Ling Hotel on January 10, when Miss Fung Yuck Wok became the bride of Mr. Wong Fung Cheung. (King's Studio).

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Two prominent young members of Hong Kong's Chinese Society were married in the Seventh Day Adventist Church on January 10. They are Mr. T. S. Hau and Miss Laura Tan who are shown at top left following the wedding. The two young ladies at left Miss Edith Tan and Miss Grace Hung, acted as bridesmaids.

When Is An Umbrella A "Dangerous Weapon"?

You'll find a few answers below which may keep you out of trouble

By C. WHITAKER WILSON

I HAVE come to the conclusion that it is a marvel any of us keep out of jail. It is perfectly amazing what we can be had up for. Obviously we are not allowed to punch one another's noses with impunity—which is perhaps a pity; but it is surprising what the law really is about these things. I have been tickled to death on reading a book about law, particularly the law regarding assault. I think the fellows who framed those laws cannot have had a grain of humour in their composition.

Now, if you hit anyone—but I am going too fast. I haven't got anywhere near that yet. If you so much as raise your flat hand and look as though you are about to smack someone's face, you can be had up for assault. And you may have to pay five pounds or undergo two months' imprisonment.

If you actually go so far as to smack someone's face, that is not only assault, but battery. And battery is a serious offence in this country. Every battery includes an assault, but every assault does not include a battery. So you must be careful as to which you employ.

At one time naughty words constituted an assault; now they don't. They are merely naughty words and must be dealt with as such. So long as you do not say very naughty words in public, you can tell a man what you think of him. You can annoy him so much that he will lose his temper and raise his hand to smack your face. Then you can, provided you can prove it all—a witness is best for this—proceed against him and have him dealt with suitably.

That is rather jolly, because you win hands down! You have had the privilege of calling him a silly man, or something even worse than that; and when he became so enraged that he threatened to smack your face—well, that is all you wanted, surely? Our laws are really wonderfully protective.

You must, on the other hand, never threaten a man with so much as a lead pencil, much less the umbrella you borrowed from your wife's cousin last week. Such weapons are considered dangerous in the eyes of English law. If you want to do that sort of thing you must go to America. In Texas it has been ruled that an assault with a knife is not necessarily an aggravated assault. An axe, even, is not considered a deadly weapon there.

Very good ruling that! Who would ever consider an axe a deadly weapon, except perhaps in the hand of an executioner? In Texas neither pistols nor brass knuckles were regarded as being deadly weapons—at least until 1904, when they did alter the ruling about pistols. It was held in court that a man might do elementary damage



with a pistol. But until then nothing less than a machine-gun or a naval cannon was considered dangerous. All of which proves how relative these things are.

On the other hand, if you go to America and chance to be annoyed with someone, you must not ride your horse threateningly near him; if you do that is an assault. Neither must you ride your bicycle full at him with the direct intention of knocking him off the one he is riding. So do be careful if you happen to go over to Texas for your summer holidays.

Above all, remember that if you do any of these things you may be sued for a tort; that is to say, a wrongful act which in itself gives rise to legal action. So that if you get annoyed with your neighbour and set your dog on him, that is assault and battery upon the man. I don't know what it is on the dog, but the whole thing amounts to a tort.

Which, as I have said, is serious. Very much so, because a baby is liable for his torts in the eyes of the law, but not for his contracts. So that if your infant goes and socks the baby next door, it seems that he is liable to be had up and be cross-examined in court. On the other hand, if he bets the milkman ten bob over something, and the milkman wins, the baby can refuse to pay, and the milkman can't do anything about it.

It is just as well to know these things; one has to be so careful these days. Schoolmasters, however, can take heart. They are guilty of assault and battery every time they tan your youngster, but the arm of

EXPERIMENT IN TELEPATHY

"The next time one of the people to whom I have given blood dies, I will make an experiment—then I will know."

So spoke Frederick George Lee, regular blood donor of the Middlesex Hospital, London, who believed he felt pain in his arm each time a person to whom he had given blood died.

When next he felt such a pain, he carefully noted the time. It was the exact instant when the person to whom he had last given blood had died.

Seven out of twenty-four recipients of his blood died, and seven times he received the strange telepathic message from his blood. Doctors at the hospital could not shake Lee's conclusions.

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—P. DeWitt Miller in Coronet, Chicago.

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In a small Scottish town air-raid wardens went around the churches, quietly advising ministers to dismiss the congregations.

But in the case of one, zeal overcame patience. He opened a church door and shouted at the top of his voice: "Get to hell out o' here, the whole darned lot o' ye."

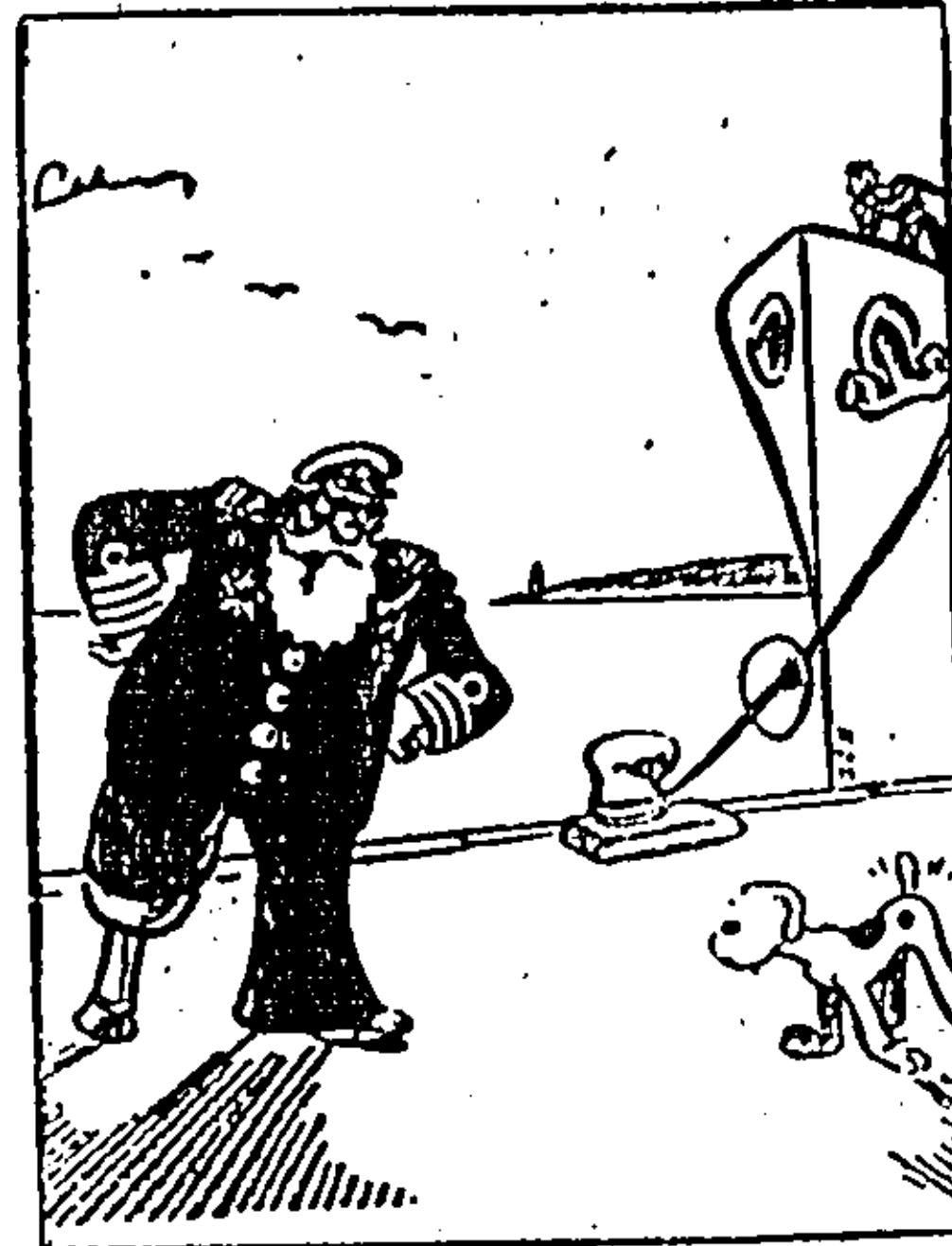
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THERE'S A LIMIT

Hitler died, and went "below." Satan answered his knock, told him to wait a minute, went away, and returned with a box of matches and a bundle of firewood.

He gave both to Hitler, with the remark: "Listen, Adolf, there's a limit to what even we can stand. Take these and start a Hell of your own."

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—Man, Sydney, Australia.

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SEASON'S SILLIEST TALE

They're telling it around these days, and it should certainly win some sort of prize as the silliest tale of the season. At any rate, the story has to do with two crackpots who walked up to a railroad ticket window. One of the men was carrying his friend in his arms. The weight caused him to stagger.

"Two tickets to Memphis," he told the ticket agent.

The agent studied the money that was handed to him.

"Wait a minute," he said. "You only gave me the price of one ticket. How about your friend?"

The first crackpot looked fondly at the man he was carrying in his arms.

"He's only a baby, mister," he explained. "Only four years old."

The agent was astounded. He took a second look.

"Four years old, my eye!" he cried. "Why, this bozo you're carrying is over six feet tall, weighs about 190 pounds—and has a beard as thick as a mattress!"

The ticket buyer dropped his pal unceremoniously to the floor.

"You dope!" he howled at his buddy. "I told you to shave!"

OR SOMETHING

The current story is of an inmate of a lunatic asylum who was about to be discharged as cured. When the superintendent questioned him about his plans, the cured inmate replied: "Well, I was admitted to the bar, and so I may practice law. I used to be an accountant, so I may become a bookkeeper. I speak six languages, so I may become an interpreter. If I find the going tough, I may become a house painter or a carpenter" . . . He arose, placed his left hand on his hip, the back of his other hand against his forehead, extended the fingers and added: "Or I may become a tea-kettle."

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HE REMEMBERED

A Kentucky colonel had an argument with Satan. The latter claimed that no one had a perfect memory, but the colonel maintained that there was an Indian on his plantation who never forgot a thing. The colonel agreed to forfeit his soul to Satan if the Indian ever forgot anything.

Satan went up to the Indian and said: "Do you like eggs?"

The Indian replied, "Yes." And Satan went away.

Twenty years later the colonel died. Satan thought, "Ah, here's my chance."

So he went back to the Indian and, raising his hand, gave the tribal salutation: "How?"

The Indian replied, "Fried."

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LUCKY THIS TIME

After a few words, mostly spoken by the young wife, her hubby sprang to his feet.

"You've gone too far!" he exclaimed, angrily. "This is our last quarrel. I'm going right out of your life."

"Oh, Henry, darling, where are you going?" she cried.

"Where I'll never trouble you again," he replied, as he started to open the door. "I'll find a place where wild adventure will wipe out the memories of this moment—perhaps in the jungle—or on the stormy seas."

As he spoke he opened the door, then closed it again and turned sternly to his wife.

"It's lucky for you it's raining," he said.

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ONCE TRIED—NEVER AGAIN!
(Anecdote brought back from England by a recently returned traveller)

Well, it seems this here Englishman had been out in India for twenty years empire-building, and when he came back to London he was hungry for human companionship. So he went down to his old club, and there was only one member there; red-faced, pop-eyed old geezer who looked like Major Bagstock, behind the London Times. So the empire-builder went up to him



"So the beautiful princess met the handsome prince, and then—" "I know—then Sex reared its ugly head!"—London Opinion, London.

At that moment another inmate interrupted their conversation angrily.

"Why, I did not," he said.

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A ROUNDER SWEARS OFF

With twelve full bottles of good liquor in my cellar, my wife demanded that I swear off at once or she'd leave me. Well, I did.

I pulled the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, except one glass, which I drank.

I extracted the second cork and did the same, with the exception of one glass which I drank.

I then withdrew the third cork and emptied the good booze from that bottle down the sink, except one glass which I drank.

I pulled the cork from the fourth sink, and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled one bottle from the cork of the next drink and drank one sink out of it, and poured the rest down the glass.

I pulled the sink out of the glass, and poured the cork down the bottle.

I pulled the next cork out of my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass.

Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the bottles and corks which added up to twenty-nine.

To make sure, I counted them again as they came by, and this time I had seventy-four.

Then, as the house came by, I counted them a third time, and I finally had all the houses, bottles, corks and glasses, except one house and one bottle, which I poured in the sink and drank.

And now I'm all through! The heck with the Commerce Club—Ray, Frenchy, Slim, and all the rest of 'em—even George Prendergast.

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NEAR ENOUGH

A fellow was trying to dodge military service.

"I'm afraid my short-sightedness will prevent me from doing any actual fighting," he said.

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"Well, we don't want it to be a long war, do we, sergeant?"—Answers, London.

POTPOURRI

An Accumulation of Interesting and Humorous Odds and Ends Noted in the Month's Reading.

One of the neatest comments I have heard on the Soviet-German Pact comes from the Foreign Office: "Now all the isms are wasms." — *Time and Tide*, London.

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A Berlin parrot says "Heil Hitler!" The bird resolved long ago that it would have to do something to counter-act the unfortunate impression caused by the shape of its beak. — *Humorist*, London.

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Los Angeles, Cal.: "According to police who stopped a fight between Tom and Arthur Trimble, 38-year-old identical twins, the brawl began when Tom called Arthur "fish face". The cops, unable to tell them apart, arrested both. — *Newsweek*, New York.

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When Emil Firpo, wrestler, was bounced out of the ring in an East St. Louis, Illinois, arena, a spectator "tapped him one," inflicting a cut from chin to eye.

Now Firpo, accustomed and resigned to physical damages from his legitimate opponents, held no one else had the right to maul him. So he sued Spectator William Crenshaw for unjustifiable assault. And the city court awarded him \$1,200 damages. — *Arthur R. Childs in Coronet*, Chicago.



A member of the Transport Animal Company pays unusual interest in the rifle and coat outside his stable door. This amusing picture was taken at a famous Army depot "somewhere in England." (Copyright, Fox).

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In his contact with exalted ones and officials, the French journalist is insistent on his rights and emphatic about his privileges. There is a sublime story about a war correspondent who, when a general refused him permission to follow certain operations in the Franco-Prussian war, replied, "Very well, General, there will be no allusion in my paper to this battle!" — *Herbert A. Walton in Cornhill Magazine*, London.

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Wonderful were the mistakes made during the last war by troops sailing for unknown destinations. A private in a north country regiment, supposing he was bound for the front, on being disembarked in Ireland thought he had arrived in France, so he wrote to his father saying: "We have arrived safely and the village people seem to understand all we say to them."

— *The Listener*, London.

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Uncle Don, the famous radio character of a children's programme, who makes some \$20,000 a year, at his peak (1928-29) made \$75,000. But he would part with plenty to be rid of the persistent but apocryphal tale that one day, when he mistakenly thought he was off the air after a particularly luscious cluster of clichés and commercials, he sighed and said: "There! I guess that'll hold the little bastards." — *Time*, New York.

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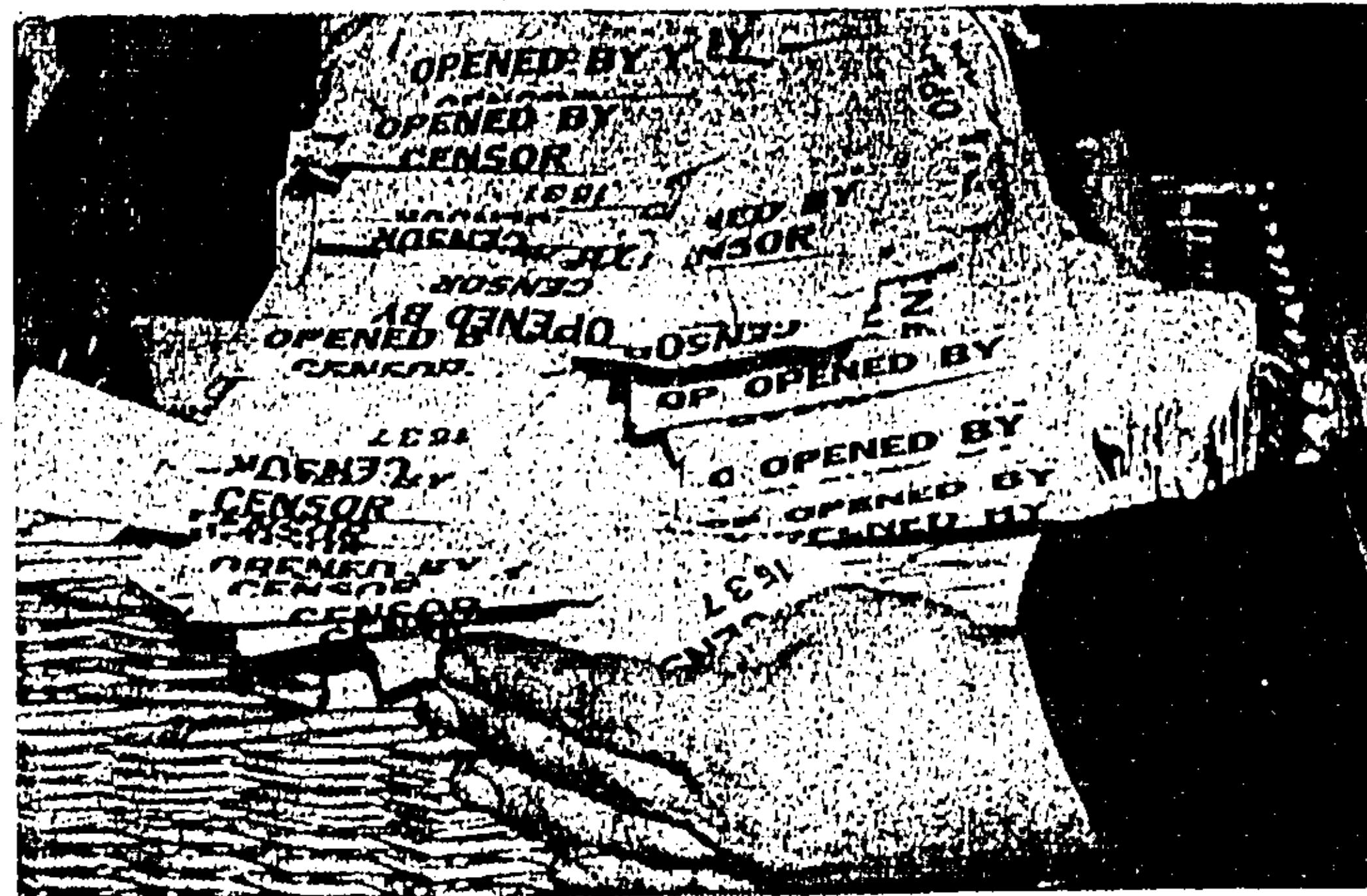
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Every precaution is being taken to ensure that the German prisoners of war do not escape from a camp somewhere in the North of England. Miles of barbed wire encircles the camp, which is floodlit at night, and constantly patrolled by sentries. In the above view is a German prisoner sketching the cook's family from a photograph. (Copyright, Fox).



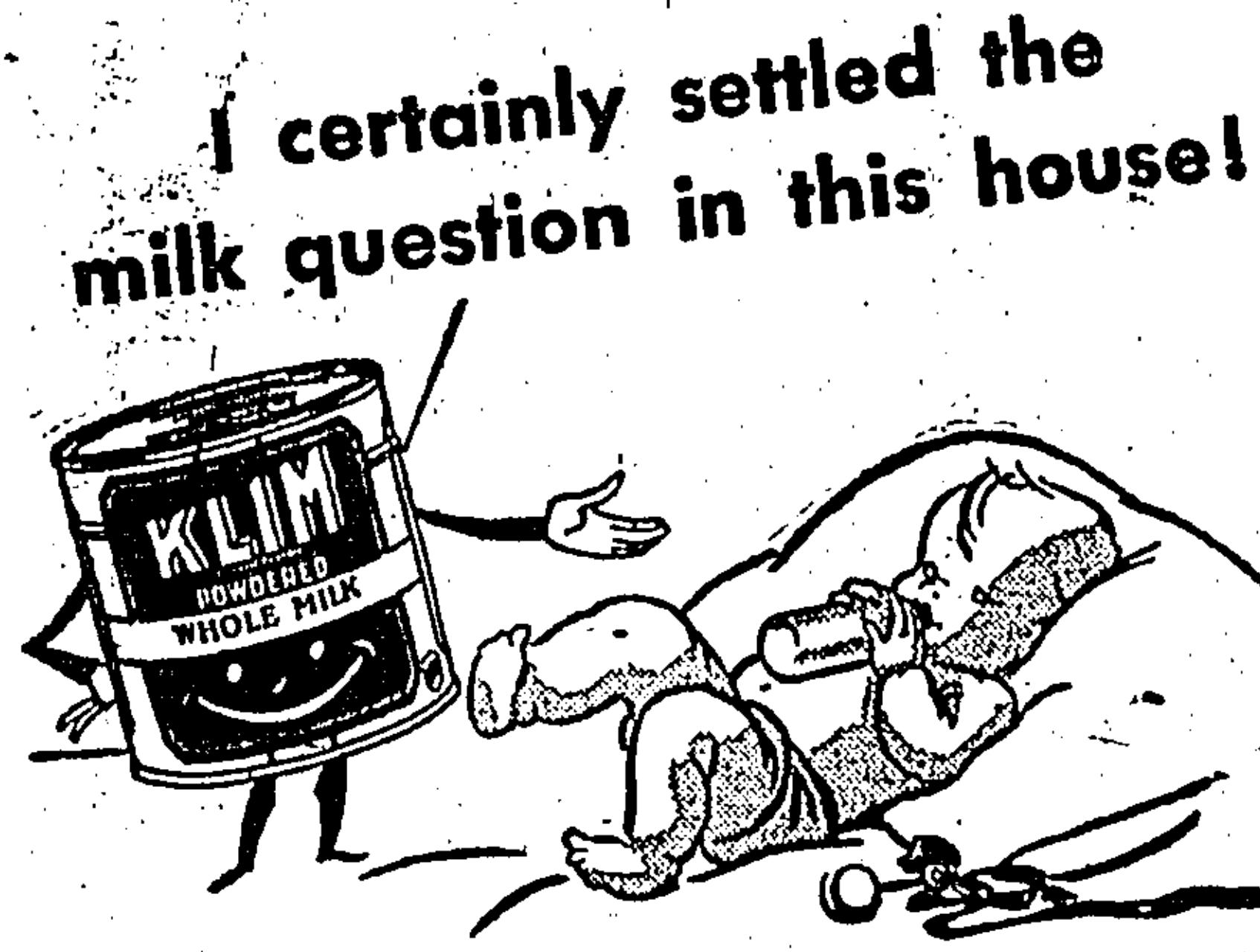
Mrs. H. E. Hope-Clarke who, in 1915 started the Silver Thimble Fund, which raised more than £60,000 and sent 15 ambulances to the front, has once again put into operation the same scheme. She is shown above with an amazing collection of silver articles which will be melted down and turned into money to equip ambulances for the Front. (Copyright, Fox).



The Empress Club in Dover Street, W., normally a centre of rarefied dignity and exclusiveness, has become an arsenal of sewing machines and knitting needles to repeat the effort of the last war, when £50,000 in money and materials was raised for the troops. The 2,000 women members have joined with 800 from the Lyceum Club, and are being led by Lady Bell and Lady Elbank. The latter is shown at work in the photograph above. (Copyright, Fox).



Intensive courses for Nursing Auxiliaries are being carried through by several London hospitals during the present "lull." Auxiliary nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital are here seen practising bandaging during a demonstration. (Copyright, Fox).



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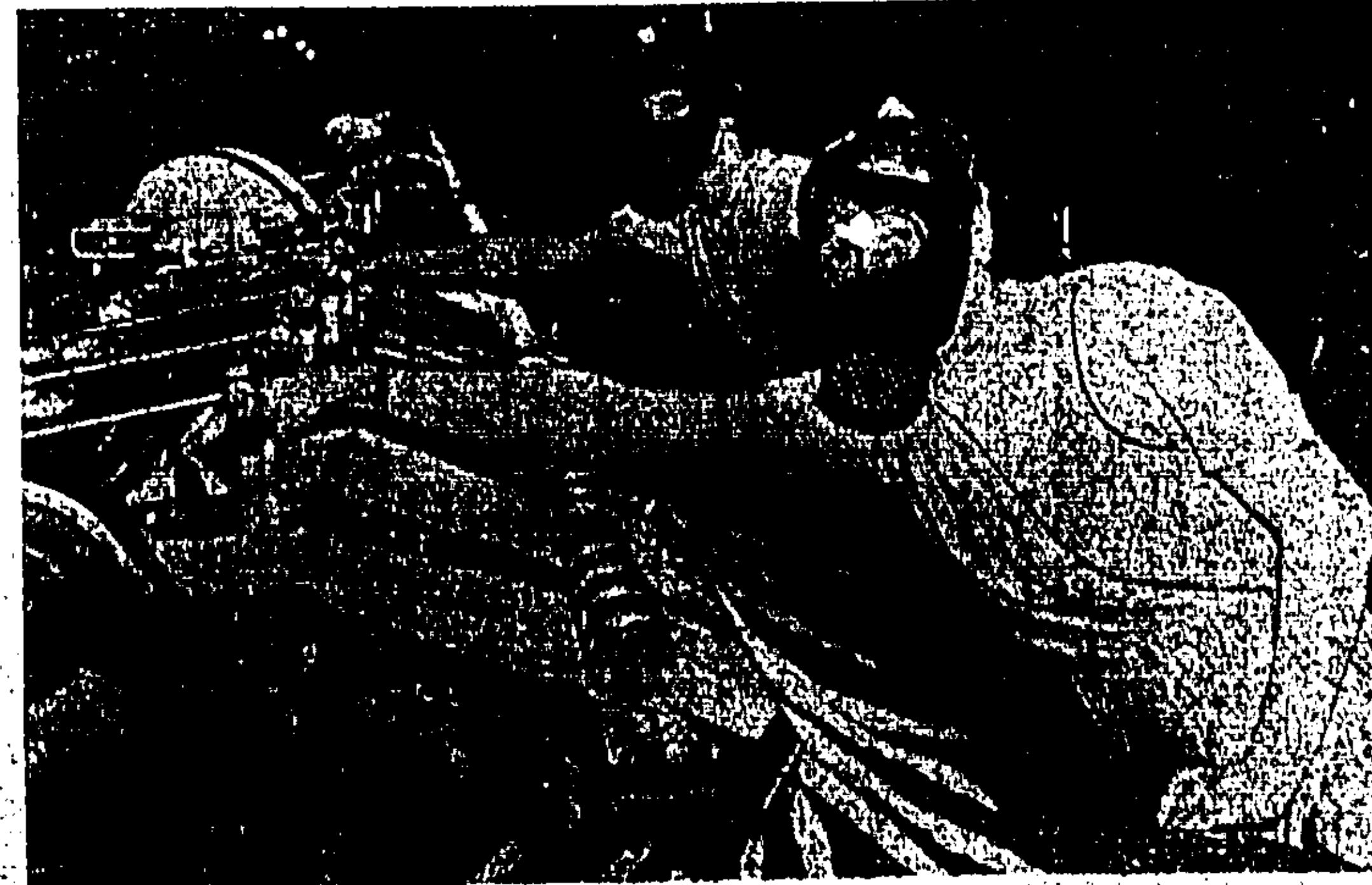
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Millgirls throughout Lancashire are fully prepared for any air raids, and air raid tests form part of the weekly programme at an Oldham Mill. These mill operatives, wearing gas masks as they work their looms, present one of the most unusual sights in the whole field of A.R.P. (Copyright, Fox).

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FAR EAST SHOWDOWN LOOMS

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Not Finland but with the R.A.F. in the snow in France. Photo shows R.A.F. guards on duty. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

ARCTIC BLASTS AGAIN SWEEP EUROPE

London, Yesterday.

THE WATERS of the Great Belt, between the Danish islands of Seeland and Fuen, and the Oresund Straits, between Seeland (Denmark) and the coast of Sweden are so ice-bound that ice-breakers have to precede all ships wishing to navigate them.

Many steamers are stuck fast in the ice in the narrow Oresund Straits. — Reuter.

IRON GRIP OF WINTER
London, Yesterday.
A record winter blinds Europe in an iron grip.

In Finland's "waist line" 100 degrees of frost have been registered.

At Corunna, home of the famous Corona cigars, the first snow has fallen for 140 years.

In Sardinia the population has experienced the first snow ever known. — Reuter.

VIOLENT SNOWSTORMS
London, Yesterday.

Violent snowstorms have swept Hungary in the past 24 hours, being especially fierce in Upper Hungary, where lines of communication have been cut and railway traffic suspended; and only the main telephone line to Budapest is working. — Reuter.

SNOW IN ROME
London, Yesterday.

There was a fresh fall of snow in Rome last night, making the second snowfall within three weeks — an extremely rare event in the meteorological records of the Italian capital. — Reuter.

PARIS 'PERISHES'
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Paris is suffering from colder weather than ever, and to-day 30 degrees of frost were registered in one of the suburbs. — Reuter.

FIGHTER SHOT DOWN
London, Yesterday.

French planes were also active on the western front, making photographic flights over Germany. A Messerschmidt fighter was brought down by French planes behind the French lines. — Reuter.

REICH RE-VISITED

London, Yesterday.
R.A.F. planes were over north-west Germany last night and Thursday night, says an Air Ministry statement issued this afternoon. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TRIBUTE

Washington, Yesterday.
President Roosevelt to-day praised the late Senator Borah as "a unique figure," whose passing leaves a void in American life. — Reuter.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS KILLED

Helsinki, Yesterday.
Two Swedish volunteer pilots have been killed on the Baltic front.

They volunteered on January 12 and helped to bring down six Russian planes in a six-hour period at the front. — Reuter.

ANOTHER BLOW TO REICH

London, Yesterday.
Traffic between Rumania and Germany, impossible by water owing to the Danube freezing over and hampered

by Russian-imposed difficulties in Soviet-occupied Poland, is now further restricted.

Hungary, the sole remaining artery, is under 15 feet of snow in many places, and railway traffic is interrupted.

The Arctic winter has caused many hardships for Germans being repatriated from the Soviet portion of Poland.

At least 85 of them have perished in the long marches they were forced to make to cross the frontier. — Reuter.

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BALKANS STIFFEN IN FACE OF MENACING MOVES

ROME, YESTERDAY.
PLANS FOR A UNITED BALKAN FRONT WERE MENTIONED BY TWO INFLUENTIAL COMMENTATORS IN ITALY AND TURKEY TODAY.

In Rome, the official Stefani agency declared: "Italy is pursuing a policy of peace."

"Italy is opposed to the out-of-date plans of Pan-Slavism and aims at removing the obstacles to collaboration among the Balkan countries."

In Turkey, the official newspaper says: "It is an imperative necessity to bring about Balkan and Danubian Basin solidarity, to act as one man in the face of danger."

Another significant comment was that of the Turkish Prime Minister, at the closing session of the Assembly in Ankara.

He said: "Turkey and Bulgaria have shown to have friendly and identical views; both want peace in the Balkans." — Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS ON RUMANIAN BORDER

Paris, Yesterday.
Reports that German troops had entered Soviet-occupied Poland were confirmed by the French military spokesman this morning.

Nazi troops, the spokesman said, had gathered at Lwow (Lemberg), near the Galician oil fields, which were part of Stalin's loot in the partition of Poland.

Press reports suggest that the Germans may be taking over the oil fields, or they may be gathering along the Rumanian frontier.

By giving Poland the south-east part of Poland, Germany was denied direct access to Rumania.

Some reports suggest that a new deal has now been arranged. — Reuter.

NEW NAZI U-BOATS

Copenhagen, Yesterday.
According to the Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende" German shipyards are now constructing a new small-type submarine which, it is claimed, can be built in a month.

It is stated that the crews are being given instruction in training boats. — Reuter.

AMSTERDAM, YESTERDAY.
FOR 51 HOURS THE TELEPHONE LINES BETWEEN BERLIN AND BUCHAREST HAVE BEEN BUZZING WITH URGENT MESSAGES EXCHANGED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THE CLOUDY THE NAZI TRADE AMBASSADOR TO RUMANIA.

Three bombs hit the building in which is the residence of the British vice-consul at Abo (Turku) during the recent Russian air raid.

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Buzzing Telephone Wires

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CONSUL'S HOUSE HIT

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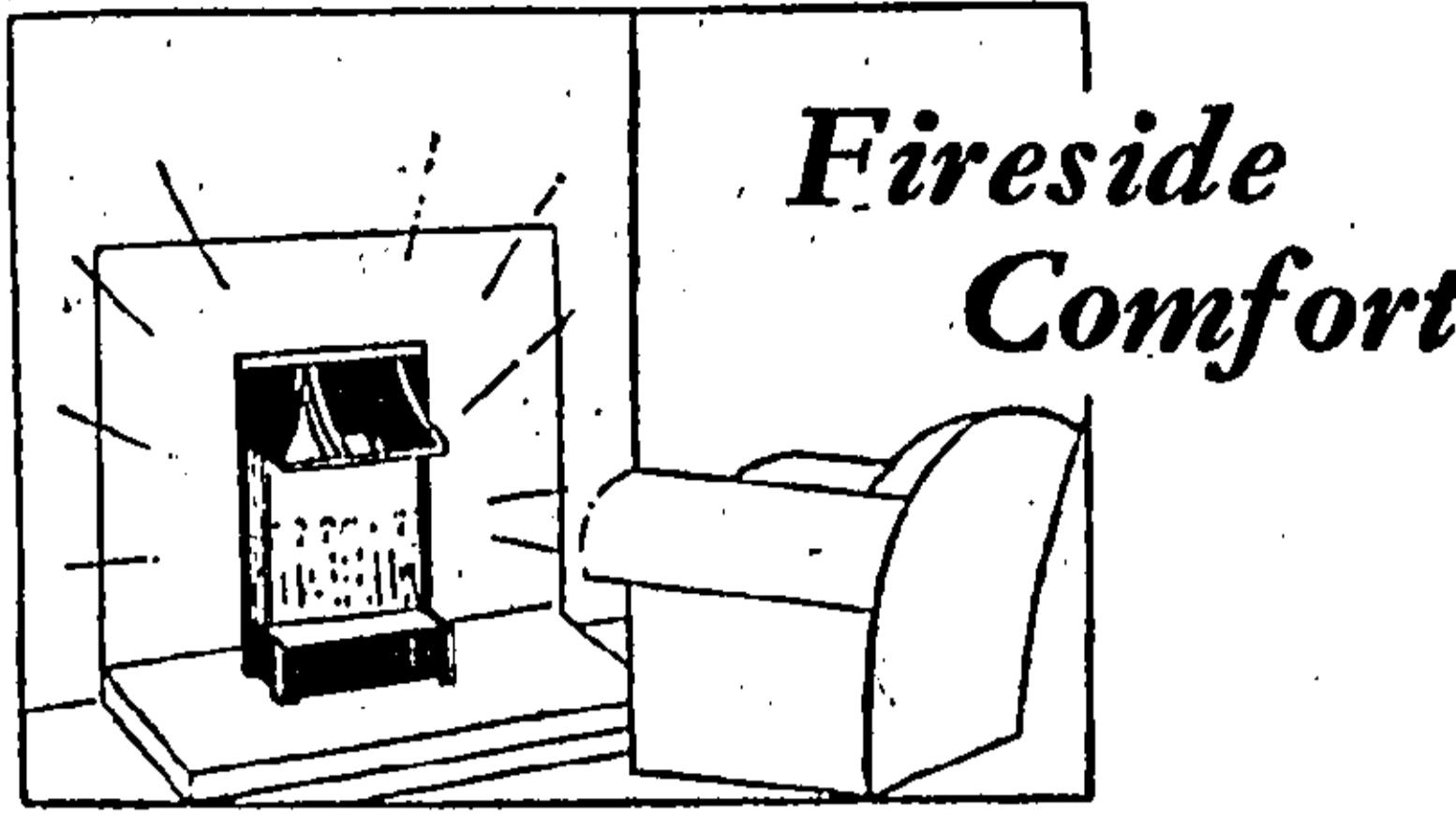
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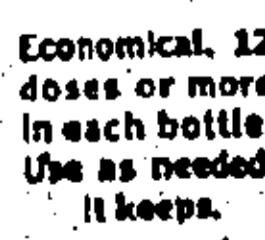
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FASHIONS FOR WARTIME

Glamour Girl
Persuasions

LONDON dress designers rejoiced that Englishwomen made up their minds to wear full evening dress at Christmas festivities. A few months ago it would have seemed ridiculous to put these words on paper, but in twelve weeks our whole attitude towards clothes underwent a complete change. At the beginning of the war, we turned away from the thought of pretty clothes; turned too far away from them, as we now realize.

To-day, the reaction is setting in; uniformed women now welcome opportunities of wearing other clothes in their leisure hours. Which is all good for the dress designers and makers. Norman Hartnell has five out of six workrooms open. Three-quarters of his workroom girls have been taken back into employment. They are busy making sleeveless and more elaborate frocks than the simple dinner gowns women have been buying lately.

The overseas dress trade, too, is showing signs of a healthy revival. America is asking for London fashions and as American buyers cannot cross the Atlantic to choose our evening models, these are being sold by cable. Some of the models booked by the U.S.A. remind one of the pre-war fashions. They are not the wartime compromise for evening frocks, but the sort of crinolined picture frocks worn in London until last September.

MANNEQUIN TO TEMPT US

Of course, the dress designers themselves are encouraging us to return to our love of pretty clothes. They are sending their mannequins out and about in London to lure



NIGHT—Please don't dress. No one does these days. Instead of crinolines there are dinner frocks like this lovely Hartnell frock in fine black wool, with discreet glitter introduced by sequinaries into the old-fashioned "cut-out" embroidery.

the women away from severe wartime styles. In restaurants and hotels these mannequins may be seen, dressed smartly in low-necked, short-sleeved, full evening frocks.

In fact, the mannequin is in great demand these days. Girls who can wear uniform with an air, in particular, need never cry for work. But there are very few of them.

AFTERNOON—This Hartnell green wool frock, with its bands of shimmering sequins, answers the London woman's prayer for something that is "dresy" but not overdressed. This is the sort of thing that you see for restaurant dining or at the tea dances which are being put on by the Savoy and the Berkeley.

MORNING—Hartnell's Air Force blue wool ensemble is one of his biggest successes. It is trimmed with outside wooden buttons; the pockets and the Glengarry bonnet are other fashion points, so is its practical trimness.

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CAP scarves and cape helmets are on the list of many women now planning their winter knitting programmes. This type of headgear covers the back of the head and neck and provides considerable protection for the chest.

Dark shades of wool are used when the cap scarf is made for service hospitals. Women are adapting the same style but in gay colours to their bicycling wardrobes. One end of the scarf is tucked in to make the cap.

The official cap scarf pattern, given below, is issued by the Central Hospital Supply Service, British Red Cross Society and Order



WITH needles Number 6 and Beehive double-knitting wool (working out at 4 stitches to the inch), 88 stitches would be needed.

These mufflers can be knitted:

(a) IN ROUNDS, on four needles in a sock.

(b) IN ROWS, with two needles in double knitting.

DOUBLE KNITTING

Double knitting is worked as follows:

Cast on the required number of stitches, turn *, then knit 1, pass the wool in front, and insert the needle as if to purl, but do not make a stitch, only slip it, pass the wool back again, and repeat from *.

Continue this for the length required and then cast off, taking two stitches together in the ordinary way.

The cap is formed by tucking in one end of the scarf.

This scarf can also be made by doing double knitting for only 18 inches, and single knitting the rest of its length, thereby effecting a very considerable saving, both in wool and time.

ROAD TO BEAUTY

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By A Polish Girl.

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"My Own Belief Is That The Germans Have Lost Their Moment For A Turning Movement Through the Low Countries," Says H. N. Brailsford

Where Will Germany Strike?

ALONG the entire eastern coast of Britain, the Navy is laying down a permanent and continuous minefield. An opening at the furthest Scottish end will admit Scandinavian shipping; a gap at the Thames estuary will welcome Dutch vessels.

Between the minefield and the coast a lane eight miles wide will be swept and patrolled as a safe highway to all the eastern ports. England, in short, is fortifying the sea. This is her Maginot Line built on the waves.

Steadily, month by month, the war in the West becomes more than ever a vast siege. The belligerent nations dig themselves in on land; they fortify the sea; they even rear their battlements into the skies. For what else are the grey balloons that float above our cities—as beautiful as a cloud when they catch the sun, as inoffensive as a baby elephant when one sees them at close quarters?

A paradoxical sense of security is growing up behind the guarded waves and the heavenly sentinels a relief to civilised old age, an exasperation to barbaric youth.

It may be a delusion that "Blitz- krieg" which the Nazis threaten may break on Britain in spring. But even those of us whom Nature endowed with the critical habit view its defences with confidence.

Until it is over, we may not fully understand the motives that have prescribed to both sides this Fabian strategy, that turns the war into a trial of endurance. I count among my friends men whom I should class as realists, who dare to suggest that in the last resort Europe is grown too civilised to face within a quarter of a century a second massacre of its youth.

It may be so: even over neuronic Fuhrers the inarticulate sentiment of the gane masses may have some effect. It is a significant fact that Hitler maintains a private depart-

ment for the study of average opinion, which works on rather subtler lines than the commercial agencies.

Defence And Attack

The chief explanation is doubtless technical: the defence, certainly on land and probably in the air and at sea, is, between relative equals, stronger than the attack. The Allies must keep to the defensive on land and in the air, because in neither element have they as yet the immense superiority in strength which modern students of military science demand for an offensive. The ablest of them even calls for a ratio of three to one.

That is conceivable only at the end of a very long war, and hardly then, if Britain and France still stand alone.

On the German side, close neutral observers point many details that reveal a pre-occupation with economy.

Some well-informed studies, none of them official, have been published the hope of reaching some estimate of the length of time that Germany can hold out, under the Allied blockade, allowing for the doubtful value of Russian help. How long, in short, will she have enough iron, oil, manganese, and fat to fight on.

I have heard in confidence some assured estimates from experts. But all of them were basing themselves on the experience of the last war. That is manifestly inapplicable. Germany is using in these Fabian siege operations a mere fraction of what she expended in the last struggle. Stomachs may one day go hungry, but, at this rate of consumption, not planes, and still less guns.

Inevitably, then, as one contemplates this drudging siege, which consumes the wealth of a continent, one asks will either side attempt a sortie?

My own guess is that the Germans have lost their moment for a turning

Bessarabia is such a landscape, but against its defenders tarnished glory could hardly be recovered. The Turks, on the other hand, are as tough as the Finns, albeit less highly trained. If they should be involved, the siege is broken and a war of movement would range over a wide area, with Russia at last a belligerent in Hitler's camp.

The other possibility can present itself only if and when Stalin has crushed the Finns with numbers. Is there then a design worked out between Moscow and Berlin for the overrunning of the Scandinavian Peninsula?

I do not profess to know, but I am reasonably sure that it has been considered. It will happen if Hitler's astrologers should draw a favourable prophecy from the stars. But the stars, one gathers, move under the strict orders of the political police.

Again, if anything of this kind were to happen, the siege would break up in a whole series of sorties. There are young and dashing sailors who even dream in their bunks when life is dull of the incredible exploit of forcing the Baltic. "Incredible" was the adjective the chivalrous captain of the Graf Spee applied to the audacity of the Ajax and Achilles.

A Holy War On Russia?

There are, to be sure, other possible ways of ending a siege. The connoisseurs of rumour are looking for some more or less plausible peace offer sponsored by Duce and Pope.

The inducement to swallow it would be the promise of a "Holy War on Russia. That will fall."

The line to a political sortie that I would wish to explore would lie through a remodelling of the British Cabinet. Then, for the first time, the leaven of thought would work.

As yet, however, we lack the audacity for such an effort. It will not happen this year, unless all my inner astrologers mislead me.

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A Finn Soldier's Letter

HERE is a letter from a Finnish soldier on the Lapland front. Yesterday, by chance, part of this letter was communicated to me by his sister in Helsinki.

"Dear Sister, I write to you as well as to mother to make sure that one of you learns what I am in need of here. I need (1) a big Mauser revolver, calibre nine. If you are unable to get this size and if you can find a Nagan revolver or a big Colt pistol, send that, with at least a hundred cartridges. My Mauser was broken yesterday in a hand-to-hand fight so that it cannot be used and now, as you know, your brother's life is depending on his knife. (2) I need chocolate bars, just of the usual size, but many of them. (3) You could also send me now and then some underwear, because we can scarcely wash the used ones in this cold and we cannot carry them with us, but send them quickly."

My Company has been fighting very well and I am very proud of it. Yesterday, in the hand-to-hand fight I was separated from my men and surrounded by Bolsheviks. Three of them, armed with automatic pistols, started hunting me. I killed two of them and the third turned and ran away. Thank heaven for that! It was very lucky for me, because by that time my old pistol, which was

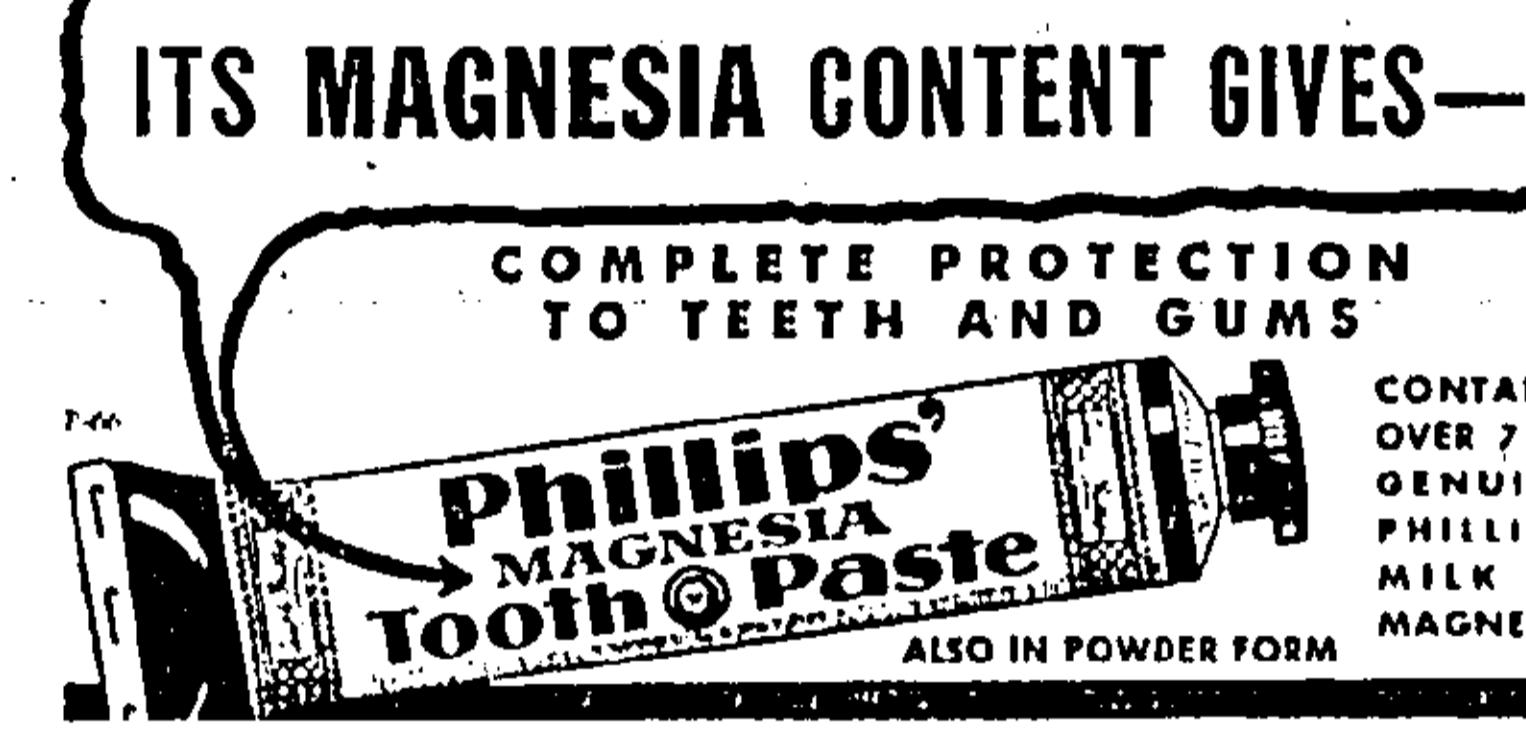
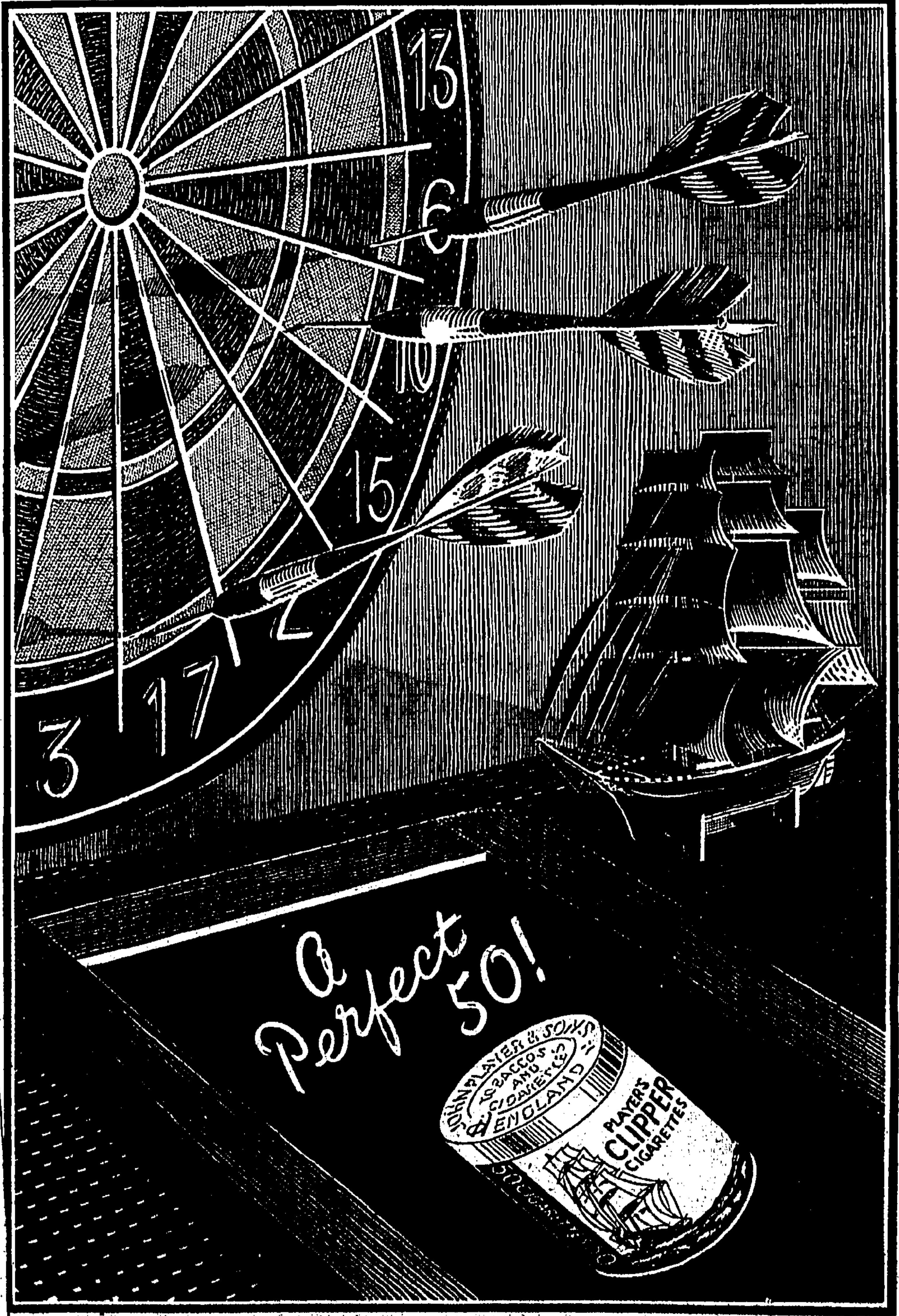
From Leland Stowe

not very good, as you know, was so hot that it broke to pieces. With all this was combined over twenty miles on skis, as we had to find two of our patrols and the night was very dark.

Well, try to calm mother and take care of her. It is very difficult for me to write her from here very often. Now, my dear sister, be as energetic as you can. The revolver is really important."

At the end of the letter was added a postscript: "It is very cold here, and it brings to my mind another very cold night after an attack, when we were waiting for another. When I made my round I found that my sentinel had become unconscious from fatigue and cold. I gave him my fur coat, and that, unfortunately, was left behind when the boy was killed next morning by the Russians. So could you please send me another? It must be white outside. Furthermore, I need a canteen made of wood because it freezes less easily. Something that would also be very useful would be four aluminium containers for butter, cheese, sugar and meat. Oh yes—and cigarettes."

The Lieutenant's sister could not find a single revolver in any store in Helsinki. Finally, being very persistent, she went to Army Supplies Headquarters and captured a revolver by sheer persuasion. Now she is trying to get a fur coat—an article which disappeared long ago from Helsinki's stores. Borrowing a fur-lined coat here is a tough problem, because almost every Finnish civilian donated his extra coat to the army as soon as the war began.



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New York, Yesterday. THE SUCCESS OF THE United States defence programme is being seriously threatened as the result of the activities of unnamed persons, according to a Washington telegram to the "New York Times."

The despatch quotes Army and Navy authorities for the statement that these persons are re-exporting strategic materials, principally to Russia.

STRIKING R.A.F. PICTURES

London, Yesterday.

One of the most dramatic photographs taken by R.A.F. planes over Germany, and issued by the Air Ministry, shows a Nazi aerodrome 10 miles north of Hanover.

The plane shows 30 German bombers which were taken by surprise by the sudden arrival of the R.A.F. planes.

Some of the enemy planes are taking to the air, others are taxiing along the ground, others are on the runways ready to take off.

Every detail of the aerodrome is shown, even down to oil patches on the ground where bombers had stood.

Another series of photographs shows the Nazi seaplane base at Sylt, from which minelaying planes operate.

Men are seen on the roadway and planes in the slips and outside hangars. Even a crane, used for lifting planes out of the water, is shown.

NAVAL BASE

Other photographs were taken of the naval base at Wilhelmshaven.

Though taken at a greater height, these give a bird's-eye view of the base and show new works at the base, including a new entrance, locks, drydocks and mole.

One of the new German battleships is shown near the entrance.—Reuter.

NAZI DENIAL

Oulu, Yesterday. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Koht, revealed in Parliament to-day that the Government had asked the German Government to examine the cases of the sinking of three foreign ships off Norway and to determine whether they were the work of U-boats.

The Berlin Government answered that in no case had German submarines been inside Norwegian territorial waters.—Reuter.



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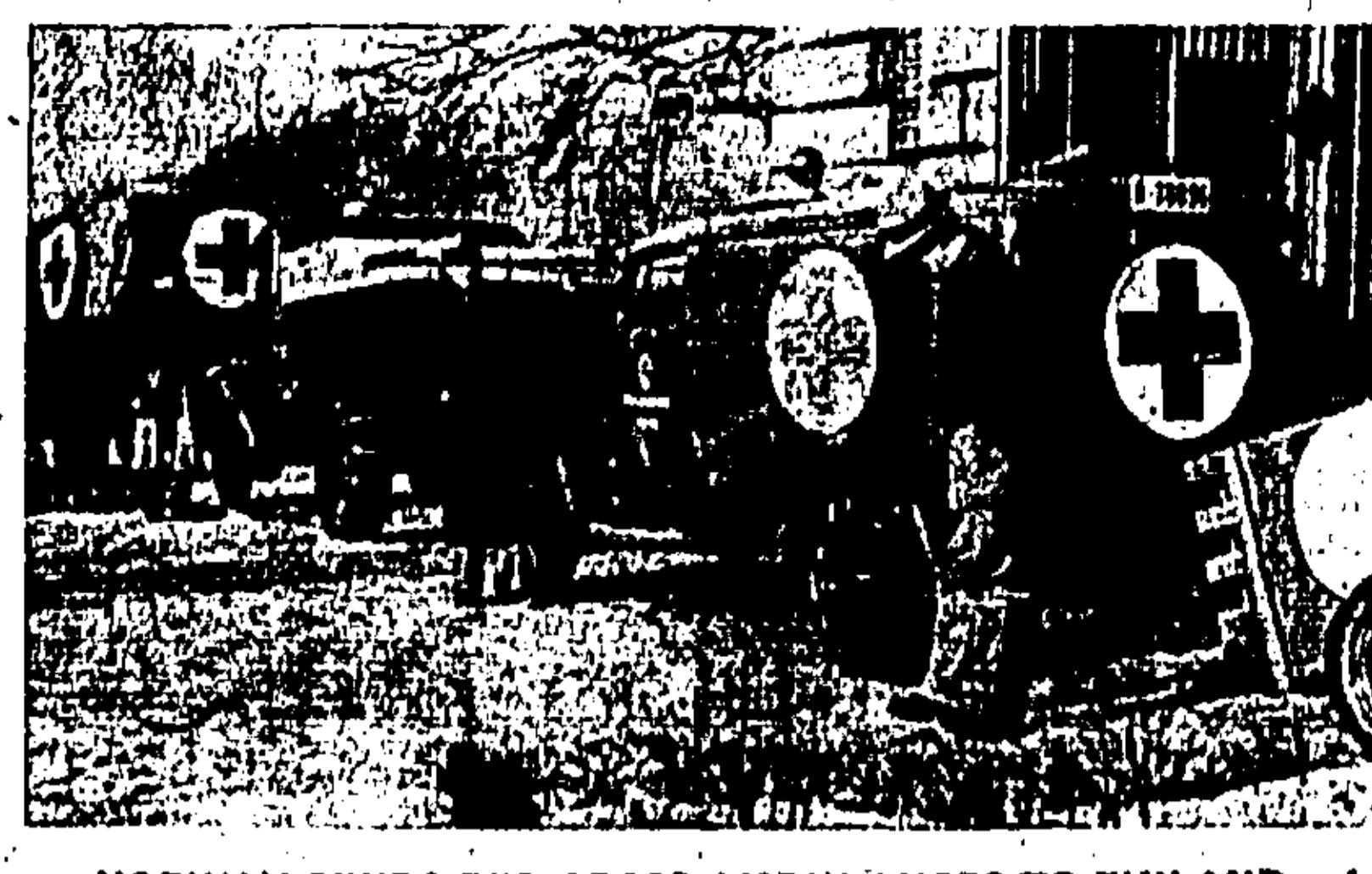
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SHANGHAI CAFE MURDER

"Tony The Greek" Found Dead With Throat Cut



NORWAY SENDS RED CROSS AMBULANCES TO FINLAND. A Norwegian Ambulance section, consisting of seven new cars with modern equipment and a staff of about 30 persons, have been sent to Finland. Photo shows the section before departure. (Air Mail).

"INSIDE JOB" SUSPECTED BY DETECTIVES

(Special to the "Sunday Herald" From Our Own Correspondent).

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY. ANTHONY KOTSONITIS, 68-YEAR-OLD GREEK BAR MANAGER OF THE NEW DEAL BAR, IN RUE DE CONSULAT, NEAR RUE CHU PAO SAN (SHANGHAI'S FAMOUS "BLOOD ALLEY"), WAS FOUND MURDERED IN HIS OWN BAR EARLY THIS MORNING.

Kotsomitis, known in Shanghai's night world as Tony the Greek, had been stabbed several times and his throat cut. There were signs of a struggle.

Discovery of the body was made by coolies coming in to clean up the bar being unable to enter from the rear door.

It is presumed that Tony, who lived over the bar, came downstairs during the night after hearing noises made by burglars.

The nocturnal raiders left with \$400 from the cash register, but did not touch U.S.\$700 and Mex. \$1,000 which was kept behind the bar.

The French Concession police are investigating and believe it was an inside job.

POLICE THEORY

The police theory is that the burglars heard their victim coming downstairs, laid in wait for him and did him to death.

No arrests have been made, though many of the bar's employees and neighbours have been questioned all day.

The murderer left dozens of finger-prints, which are likely to reveal the perpetrators.

Tony the Greek had lived in China for 40 years, coming here from the Philippines after the Spanish-American War. For some time, he was manager of a hotel in Tsingtao.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE QUAINTNESS OF HITLER'S LITTLE MAN, GOEBBELS

London, Yesterday. THERE IS PRACTICALLY no comment in the morning newspapers on the speech in which Dr. Goebbels on Friday, standing on the very ground of the invasion of which by the German armies set Europe alight with the flames of war, quaintly described the Allies' reluctant taking up of arms in defence of the liberties of small and great nations alike, in following terms:

"They went into this war with loud trumpet-blasts and threw a declaration of war at our feet with the pride of a Spaniard."

CONDITION STILL CRITICAL

Baghdad, Yesterday. The condition of Rustam Haidan, the Iraqi Finance Minister, who was shot in his office by a former police inspector, has slightly improved, though doctors say his condition is still critical.—Reuter.

TWO MORE NEUTRAL SHIPS SUNK

London, Yesterday. Germany's ruthless warfare against neutral shipping has led to the loss of nine neutral ships in seven days.

The cool and calculated impudence with which Nazi speakers pervert the facts and distort purposes did, in the early days, call forth the unwilling tribute of amazement and amusement from observers here. But by repetition, the technique has lost its power to evoke either surprise or argument.

It is felt to have become merely tedious.

The only parts of the Poznan speech which aroused a modicum of interest are the passages which betray that the chief Nazi propagandist is taking serious notice of the possibility of a German awakening.

Dr. Goebbels obviously thinks it necessary to counter that danger, but it occurs to some commentators here that his method of doing so may not have been well chosen.

The effect of a period of quiet reflection by the German people under wartime conditions in Germany on the Propaganda Minister's remark that "Germany to-day has a political and military leadership of such excellence as she never possessed before" is thought to be less predictable than Goebbels in the enthusiasm of his oratory may have realised. — British Wireless.

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R.A.F. MEN DECORATED BY KING

London, Yesterday. The King has approved the following awards to two members of the R.A.F. for gallantry in flying operations against the enemy.

Pilot Officer G. W. F. Curly is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Leading Aircraftman R. A. Crampton is awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Curry, who is a New Zealander, and Crampton were respectively pilot and air gunner of one of three aircraft carrying out a patrol over the North Sea in January when two enemy aircraft were encountered.

Curry opened fire at very close range and succeeded in driving the first enemy aircraft into the sea in flames.

He then engaged the second enemy aircraft until he had exhausted his front gun ammunition.

By skilful manoeuvring he enabled Crampton to bring his rear gun into action at point-blank range. Considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy.

The skill and coolness displayed by Crampton in the manipulation of his gun played a large part in bringing the combat to a successful conclusion.—British Wireless.

DALADIER'S ACCIDENT

Paris, Yesterday. The French Council of Ministers met this morning for the first time in the Defence Ministry.

Usually meetings are held at the President's Palace.

The departure from custom is owing to the fact that Premier Daladier has not yet entirely recovered from the accident in which he fractured his foot.

President Lebrun was greeted by a guard of honour, consisting of the Garde Républicaine, when he arrived.—Reuter.

THE AIR STREAM

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Ottawa, Yesterday. American planes for the Canadian Air Force continue to pour in over the Canadian border.

Canadian pilots especially favour a huge bomber recently delivered by America.—Havas.

RECORD BRITISH STEEL OUTPUT

London, Yesterday. It is authoritatively stated that British steel output last year exceeded by a considerable margin the previous year's record of nearly 13,000,000 tons in 1937.

Actual figures are not made public in wartime.—British Wireless.

THE DAWN TO DUSK PATROL

London, Yesterday.

Details of the activities of the R.A.F. Coastal Command, in which many Australians are serving, were released by the Air Ministry to-day.

German submarines have been sighted on 106 occasions, and 66 attacks have been made on them by air.

A correspondent who visited one of our seaplane bases in the Atlantic says that in the past few weeks only two Nazi U-boats have been sighted. One was attacked only a few days ago.

From dawn to dusk the R.A.F. Sunderland flyingboats carry out a continuous search for enemy craft.

They also help in guarding convoys. U-boat commanders have learned to treat the R.A.F. patrol with respect. Within a second or two of sighting an aircraft they give the order to dive, and it is often not possible for a plane to attack with any degree of success.

DOWN BELOW

However, if the U-boats are kept below the surface the danger to shipping is minimized.

R.A.F. pilots have spotted German boats disguised as neutrals. They sometimes use neutral markings and fly neutral colours.

If a pilot is suspicious he photographs the ship from all angles and notes the funnel markings. In 20 minutes of returning to the base, the pictures are developed, and if the pilot's suspicions are proved correct, the ship finds itself in a British control base next morning.

The Sunderlands are heavily armed but so far no German planes have been met in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

NEW MAYOR FOR GREATER SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday. The reformed government at Nanking has decided to reorganise the city government of Shanghai, according to a Chinese report quoting well-informed political circles.

The new Mayor of Shanghai, the report adds, will be Chang Ping-hu, at present counsellor of the Ministry of Interior of the reformed government.—Reuter.

VISIT TO HANKOW

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Shanghai, Yesterday. The United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, is going up the Yangtze to Hankow on Monday morning on board the U.S.S. Luzon.—Havas.

PLEASANTRIES OF A PLESSSCHMIDT

London, Yesterday. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION obtained in reliable quarters, a Mr. Plessschmidt, who is understood to be of Danish origin, accosted Lord Halifax at his hotel in London some weeks ago and submitted a peace plan in writing.

Mr. Plessschmidt appeared to be a well-meaning and harmless enthusiast and no importance was attached to him.

In view of reports which were subsequently received of what Mr. Plessschmidt was alleging had passed at his interview with the British Foreign Secretary, messages were sent to certain of Britain's diplomatic representatives abroad putting the matter in its proper light.

The prominence which has now been given to his activities in the form of news reports, of "peace moves" and "unofficial peace negotiations" seem to observers in London to show that Mr. Plessschmidt's action, while he was in London may be susceptible of other interpretations than the one which was originally put upon it.

At any rate, the significance of his initiative can be assessed in relation to the facts stated above.—British Wireless.

Red Army Disaster At Tolvajari

(From Our Special Correspondent in Finland, Leland, Stowe, By Telegram)

HELSINKI, YESTERDAY.
HERE, IN THE SNOWBOUND DENSE FOREST WHICH SURROUNDS LAKE TOLVA, THE SOVIET ARMY HAS SUFFERED CRUSHING DEFEAT WHICH CAN ONLY BE COMPARED TO THE ROUT OF GUADALAJARA IN SPAIN.

Until now the devastating scope of the Finnish victory at Tolvajari has been most carefully screened in the official war communiques for military reasons. To-day it is possible to say that the Finns' triumph at Lake Tolva rivals in every way and in some respects surpasses their terrific blow in the Suomussalmi sector, where the Red 163rd division of nearly 18,000 men was destroyed.

Officially the Russian dead in the Battle of Tolvajari have been described as "more than 2,000" but it is now admitted that another entire division of picked Red shock troops was virtually annihilated and a Russian division ranges between 15-18,000 men in strength.

Moreover, the Russian losses in tanks and in all kinds of war material captured definitely exceed the invaluable spoils seized on the Suomussalmi front.

Tolvajari enters the history books as the first great Finnish victory of the war and one of long-term significance.

It is impossible now to give total figures even approximating the true number of the Russian dead on the shores of Lake Tolva, but on every hand one sees evidence of a major Bolshevik disaster.

FROZEN CORPSES

For the first time since the Russo-Finnish war began, foreign correspondents have come to eastern Finland.

We have travelled the narrow road from Lake Tolva to Lake Agla. We have seen the roadside in the forest strewn with countless frozen corpses of Russians. We have seen and counted more than 14 disabled Soviet tanks. We have learned that three Russian divisions participated in the savage hostilities of the twin battles of Tolvajari and Aglajarvi. We have seen where the Reds were decimated and driven back for a solid twenty miles from their furthest point of penetration on the eastern shore of Lake Tolva.

Now most of the dramatic story can be told, beginning with the first official figures of the Soviet losses in the battle of Tolvajari. In this battle alone, one Red division was virtually destroyed and only a handful of men escaped death from either the machine-gun artillery fire or frost.

BOLSHEVIK LOSSES

In addition, the Bolshevik losses were: 30 tanks, 3 armoured cars, 14 field guns, 16 anti-tank guns, 216 heavy machine-guns, 80 light machine-guns, 1,500 rifles, 700 prisoners taken by the Finns. Sixteen of the captured tanks were in such good condition as to be taken and used immediately against the Reds. If Aglajarvi is included, the total Russian loss in tanks must be placed at well above 60.

Important as the huge amount of the captured material is, one fact is of far greater importance—namely that the Reds who were crushed and routed at Lake Tolva were not the ill-clad, badly-trained Russian proletarians whom Moscow had thrown in as cannon fodder on most parts of the Karelian Isthmus.

Hundreds upon hundreds of Russian corpses lie here to prove that these were shock troops, well clothed and thoroughly equipped.

KOMOSOL TROOPS

Most of them were between 20-28 years old and carried membership cards of the Komosol, which is the special Bolshevik organization from which selected youth may pass from a provisional status to full membership of the Communist Party. These men were trained soldiers and, unlike the Russian masses in many other divisions, they are supposed to be fighting from conviction.

The Red division to which they belong exists no longer.

These Bolsheviks are for ever silent and lie beneath the snows of Tolvajari.

The character of this annihilated division gives enormous importance to the Finnish triumph at Lake Tolva. Here some of the Reds' finest troops were crushed. Here the Finnish strategy made monkeys of the Soviet High Command. Here, as in the Suomussalmi sector, the Finnish eastern front has been made secure for two months or more, and the Communist invaders appear to be bogged down seriously, perhaps irreversibly for so long as the snow lasts.

SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY

But Lake Tolva's battle can only be understood by the beautiful and

THE SACK OF LUNGCHOW

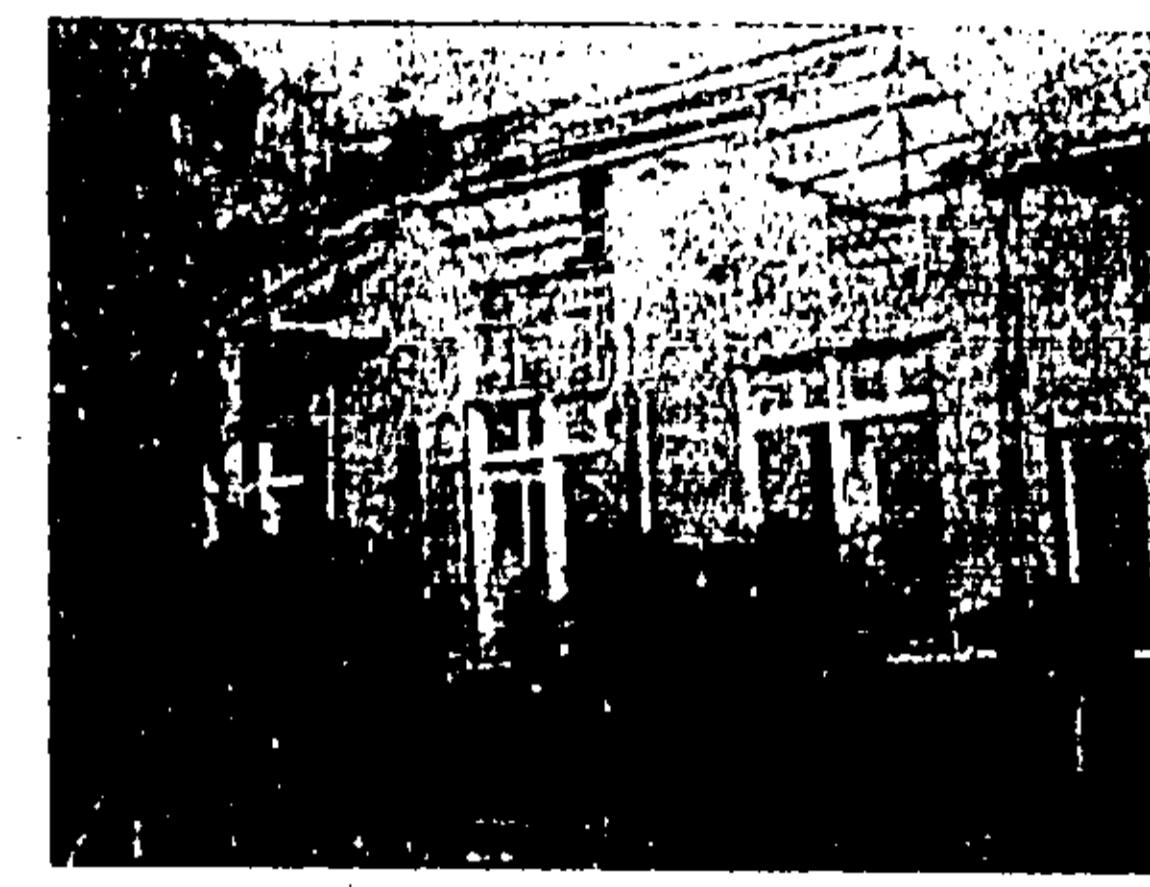
Denial by a Japanese spokesman in Shanghai on Friday of an accusation in a protest by the United States that Japanese troops sacked Lungchow at the end of last month may be compared with the captions to the accompanying pictures, written by the photographer, a foreign observer of the incident. The American mission was burned down in the holocaust.



A street scene in Lungchow City showing the character of the fire which raged for days leaving little property unburnt or undamaged. It is estimated that 80 per cent. of the town was reduced to a smouldering ruin.



Part of the town which was burnt by the Japanese during the occupation from December 21 to 24. The town was deliberately and systematically destroyed.



The Customs House at Lungchow, occupied by the Japanese from December 21 to 24. Damage shown was caused by air bombs prior to occupation.



Another street scene—burnt by the Japanese forces numbering 1,200 men including 300 cavalry. Most of the roads are now blocked with debris and impassable to traffic. There remains little habitable property.

SHANGHAI UNDER SNOW BLANKET

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai received its first heavy snowfall of the season to-day and the city and the neighbourhood for miles around is deep under a snow blanket.

The blizzard began at about 8 a.m., abated for a while, and then snowed steadily from about 11 a.m.—Our Own Correspondent.

GERMAN PLANE DRIVEN OFF

London, Yesterday.

The Air Ministry announces that a German aircraft sighted at sea to the east of Aberdeen was driven off by a British patrol.—Reuter.

day, activity on the front was limited to patrol activities. On the Sula front, where the Russians are in steady retreat, one Russian company suffered severe losses, and a whole division is in peril of sharing the fate of the 163rd. — (World Copy-right).

GERMAN TROOPS IN EASTERN GALICIA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Cernauti (Rumania), Yesterday. A number of Polish refugees who have arrived here from eastern Galicia, in Soviet-occupied Poland, confirm that German troops are now stationed there.

Their number and the reason for their presence there is unknown.

The same refugees state that the Soviet authorities are strengthening their control of communication lines leading to the Rumanian border.

Soviet propaganda gives prominence to the Soviet-German alliance.

During a recent meeting held in the small town of Kuty, one Red Commissar said: "The Russo-German alliance will make Russia the greatest power in the world. Henceforth Russia and Germany are invincible."—Havas.

MASS VACCINATION IN WARSAW

Warsaw, Yesterday.

In an effort to combat disease, the German authorities have vaccinated at least 700,000 people here.—Reuter.

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RECLAMATION WORK BY H.K. PRISONERS

BLACK-OUT TEST IN MARCH

The "Sunday Herald" understands that the first "black-out" test this year will take place in March. Plans for the test are being prepared and are expected to be completed in the latter part of next month.

H.K.'S WAR EFFORT

Measures to enable Hong Kong's contribution to the Empire war effort to be made effective much earlier than would be possible by the simple imposition of special war taxation are under consideration, the "Sunday Herald" understands.

The proposal, which is likely readily to command itself to the public, is the employment of funds now available, to be restored later from what new revenue sources are decided upon.

The Taxation Committee's recommendations are to be in Government's hands in final form in a few days, and no time is to be lost in submitting what Ordinance or Ordinances are necessary to Legislative Council.

It is probable that legislative sanction will be sought at about the same time for a programme which would anticipate revenue from war taxation.

No official indication has yet been given of the use to be made of the special war funds, except those phrases in H. E. the Governor's speech to Legislative Council in which he intimated that the Colony's war contribution might take the form of cash or kind or both.

FUNERAL OF LATE MR. O. BENSON

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. OSCAR BENSON, MANAGING PARTNER OF BREWER'S BOOK SHOP, TOOK PLACE AT THE COLONIAL CEMETERY YESTERDAY. THE REV. J. R. HIGGS, OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OFFICIATING.

Mr. Benson died on Friday night from heart failure at the Hong Kong Hotel.

He was 56 years of age and had been in the Colony for nearly 42 years.

Besides the chief mourners, Mr. T. Carroll and Mr. Fred Lenfestey, those present at the graveside included Messrs. Frank W. White, E. J. Ainslie, E. Abraham, F. E. Nash, R. Abraham, W. Goldenberg, D. O. Silver, J. Gibson, J. R. Sutler, J. Edgar, K. D. Silver, R. Pestonji, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. N. Capell, Mrs. T. Grant, Mrs. S. A. Gray, Mrs. J. Edgar, Miss Gourdin, Mrs. and Capt. Passmore, Miss Braga, Mrs. Huggen, Mr. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. S. E. Green, Mr. L. Tobias and many others.

Floral tributes were from Bert, Ivo and Family, Myra, Oscar and John, Doris, Ivo and Dorcas, Ethel and Alison, Lolly, Mina and Ernest To, Mabel and Mollie, Edie and Kellie, Mrs. and Mrs. and Misses and Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Brewer's Book Shop, W. J. L. Duddleton, V. Beaumont, Hong Kong Radiant Living Group, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Silver, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Thomson, Father Rigant, Delminda L. Lopes, J. M. Noronha, Mr. and Mrs.

BULLET'S WILD CAREER AT SLAUGHTER HOUSE

Believe it or not, this one reaches the standard of stories originating in Liars' Club.

In fact, it is true. Yesterday, a single bullet killed an ox, a coolie and a wounded another man.

The incident occurred in the Kennedy Town Slaughter House shortly after 7 a.m. when some oxen were being slaughtered.

A bullet passed through the head

of an ox, glanced off the wall, struck a coolie in the head, and ended its ricochet journey in the leg of another of the folks.

The man who was struck in the head was removed to hospital but died soon after admission, and the one wounded in the leg is detained in the Queen Mary Hospital.

Following refusal of payment of a coal bill of seventy cents, a free-for-all was staged between the debtor, creditor and onlookers in Cheungshawan Road on Friday. Two of the combatants were injured. Seven others were yesterday placed on bond to keep the peace for a year.

VALUABLE DATA OBTAINED FROM EXPERIMENTS IN DIETETICS

VALUABLE DATA likely to contribute importantly to efforts to solve nutrition problems is being obtained at the Physical Culture Institute for Boys established last February under the supervision of Mr. Y. H. Tong.

For nearly twelve months, Chinese lads at the Institute between 12 and 16 years of age have been the subject of dietetic experiments, directed towards improvement of health and correct nutritional feeding at a minimum of cost.

The results have fully justified the sponsors of the scheme. One boy, the record breaker, has gained 9½ lbs. in weight, and the average increase is 5.42 lbs.

The average increase in height has been 1.1 inches.

Under the medical care of Dr. Tsung and the observation of other skilled dieticians, an all-round improvement in general health has been noted.

TWENTY BOYS

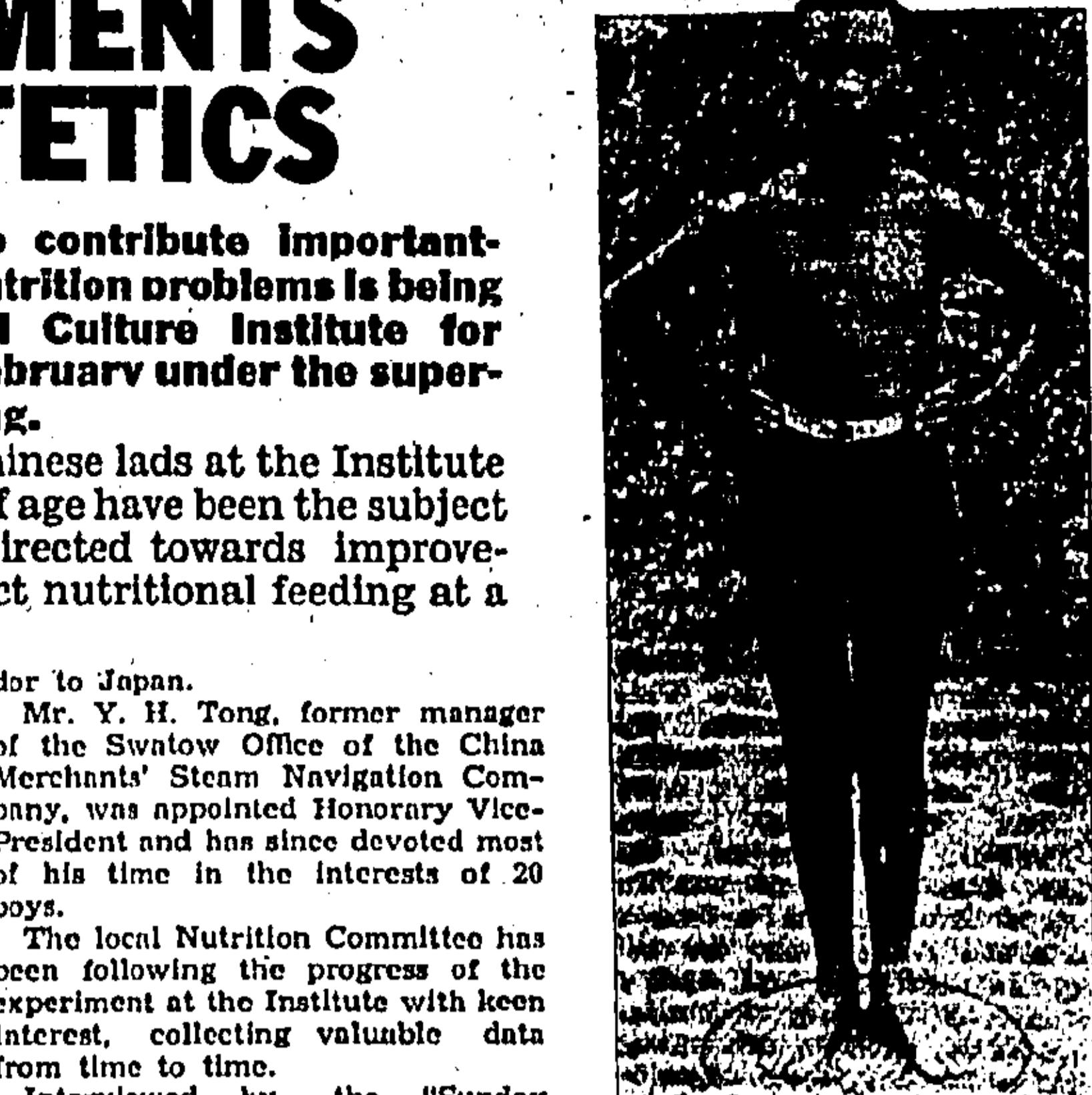
The Institute was established with a grant of \$20,000 from the China National Relief Association through Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, former Ambassador to Japan.

Mr. Y. H. Tong, former manager of the Swallow Office of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, was appointed Honorary Vice-President and has since devoted most of his time in the interests of 20 boys.

The local Nutrition Committee has been following the progress of the experiment at the Institute with keen interest, collecting valuable data from time to time.

Interviewed by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday, Mr. Tong said that personal hygiene had now become one of the main points of instruction in the Institute.

He also spoke of a possibility now being studied of the control of animal blood for conversion into tonic foods.



AFTER. Here is the same lad after eleven months on special "nutrition diet."

PRECIOUS BLOOD HOSPITAL EXTENSION OPENED BY BISHOP

WITH THE OFFERING UP of a prayer and the sprinkling of Holy Water, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta, Bishop of Leros and Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, formally declared open the new wing of the Precious Blood Hospital, Castle Peak Road, yesterday afternoon in a simple ceremony.

A large crowd of Catholic Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and supporters and well-wishers of the hospital, both foreign and Chinese, attended the ceremony.

The new wing consists of a basement and three floors, and like the rest of the hospital, the building has large airy rooms, with ample window-space. Large verandahs run the length of both sides of the building, which is about 45 feet wide and 90 feet long. The floors are of tile, the walls being finished in a light cream, with white ceilings.

The basement will be used for servants' quarters. On the ground floor—which is actually some 10 feet above street level—are three charity wards, of eight beds each. The second floor contains 14 private rooms, while sisters' and nurses' quarters take up the top floor.

KOWLOON'S NEEDS

Opening the new extension, Bishop Valtorta said that scarcely three years had passed since the hospital itself was built and yet already there was a great need for larger premises, both in order to meet the demand in Kowloon and to enable the doctors and nurses to carry out their work efficiently and properly, to the benefit of the patients.

The new extension cost about \$40,000, part of which was contributed by a generous benefactor who preferred to remain anonymous; the remainder was provided by many small and large contributions from other benefactors.

"Many drops of water make a river, and that has been the case here!" said Bishop Valtorta.

MILITARY FUNERAL

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRIVATE NORMAN GEORGE OLIVER, OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, WHO DIED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING TOOK PLACE AT THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN THE AFTERNOON. THE REV. FATHER J. P. WARD OFFICIATED.

Pte. Oliver died at the Military Hospital after a short illness, caused by food poisoning.

He had been in the Army since December, 1936, joining as a Guardsman, and was transferred to the Middlesex Regiment in April, 1937.

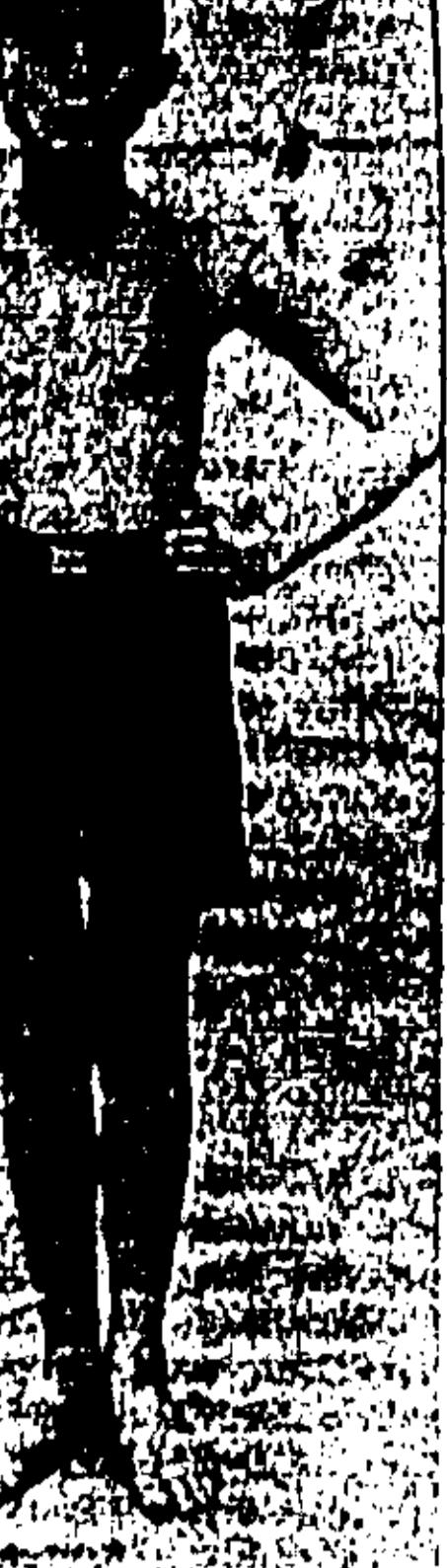
Present at the funeral were Lieut-Col. Newnham, Major S. F. Hedgecock, Captain W. H. Chattey, Captain M. A. Jacob, Lieut. C. M. M. Man, Lieut. M. P. Weedon, and a company of the Middlesex Regiment.

Wreaths were sent from Major-General A. E. Grasset and the China Command, Officers of Middlesex Regiment, Brigade Commander and Staff Officers, W. O's and Sergeant Mess, All ranks, Middlesex Regiment, Headquarters, Middlesex, C. S. M. Priddy, Lieut. C. M. M. Man, Lt. M. P. Weedon, Members of the Corporal's Mess, the Officer Commanding and details Seaford Highlanders, Sergeant Powell, and many others.

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BEFORE. Here is one of the residents at the Institute taken shortly after admission.

HOME LEAVE

No decision has yet been reached by Government in the matter of resumption of Home Leave for civil servants. "The matter is still under consideration," the "Sunday Herald" was officially informed yesterday.

POLICE WAR ON CRIME

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

THE POLICE PROPOSE TO ADOPT MORE DRASIC MEASURES IN ORDER TO RID THE COLONY OF THE SNATCHING EPIDEMIC. THE "SUNDAY HERALD" LEARNS.

Banishment orders are to be requested against those found guilty of snatching hand-bags, earrings, watches, etc., from persons in the street.

All persons responsible for serious thefts are likely to be dealt with similarly.

ENGINEERS' LECTURE

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE LECTURE SEASON OPENS NEXT FRIDAY WHEN PROFESSOR R. H. REDMOND, B.Sc., WILL READ A PAPER ON THE "OPTICAL MEASURING OF DISTANCES."

The subject is one of interest to sportsmen as well as to those who must quickly determine distances for professional purposes.

Professor Redmond's ability as a speaker is well-known and good attendance is expected on Friday. The lecture begins at 6 p.m. and a discussion will follow. All interested are welcome.

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months, compared an increase of only half a pound at the end of a six months-period.

Mr. Tong continued that tests were now being made in the Government Laboratory.

At the Institute, an allowance for each lad of \$4.50 per month for food is made, and an additional 50 cents for cod liver oil and blood tonic.

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FOR TRANSFER A TELEPHONE

CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENTING THE TELEPHONE COMPANY FROM ACCEPTING NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR TELEPHONES HAVE RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN VERBAL PAPERS OFFERING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF A REGULAR SUBSCRIBER'S INSTRUMENT.

A few subscribers are advertising, offering transfer of their instruments.

"Wanted, a telephone," and "For Transfer, a telephone" read the advertisements.

Sums of between \$100 and \$200 are offered for the transfer of a telephone, while owners are demanding a rate as high as \$300.

HEADS HE WINS

A double-headed copper cent was discovered by the police on Friday in the possession of a street gambler. He was accused of using it when playing "head or tails" game among children in Yau-mati district.

Mr. E. Himsworth fined him \$5 or two weeks' hard labour for street gambling.

PEAK GARDENER GIVEN STIFF FINE

A fine of \$100 or three months' hard labour was imposed on a gardener, Chan Hung, by Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday, for cutting a tree on the hillside below No. 404, the Peak.

VALUABLE CAMERA STOLEN

Mr. A. Tonoff, the photographer, of No. 1, Middle Road, was victim of a robbery on Thursday night. A camera was stolen from the show window, valued at \$553.

Captain Forester, of the Royal Artillery, has reported the theft of a wrist watch valued at \$80 at the Polo Club.



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MODES of battle change with the times, weapons very, plans of strategy evolve, wars are won or lost, yet some constants remain. One of these is the pediculosis. In simple terms, the humble louse. Through the ages men at war have been assailed not only by men of the enemy forces but by this borer from within. There are all sorts of ways of earning a living, and this tiny parasite chooses to get his board and keep by bedding down deep in the skin, generally between the fingers of the hand of the soldier, too busy to take much notice of the unwelcome guest. When his itch becomes intolerable, the sufferer will generally scratch, scratch and scratch, until he has torn away layers of cuticle and reached the culprit. But that doesn't end the career of this mite; all he does is tuck himself away under the soldier's fingernail and wait until a new part of the body is touched or scratched; then he will set up a new home and begin again to draw nourishment from the luckless victim.

THIS dissertation on the louse, it occurs to us, may not be very entertaining, yet there are fascinating aspects of the battle of modern medicine vs the bug. Some of these were recently expounded to us by Dr. Robert K. S. Lim, director of the Medical Relief Corps of the Chinese Red Cross. The distinguished doctor is visiting Hong Kong in a brief interval between his visits to various sectors of the front—and he has a considerable front to look after, as a glance at the map will show.

THE quiet-voiced, mild mannered yet always terse and explicit Dr. Lim was educated at the University of Edinburgh. During the Great War he interrupted his studies to serve for two years as a regimental surgeon in the R.A.M.C. Returning to Edinburgh after the war, his studies resulted in a most imposing array of degrees, some of them being M.B., Ph.D., Sc.D., and B.Chr., also becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He was determined to place his knowledge at the service of his country. Some ten years ago he returned to China and spent a decade as Professor or of Physiology at Rockefeller Hospital, Peking Union Medical College, leading medical school of the East. When the war started, he helped to organize the Chinese

Red Cross and to-day is head of the Medical Relief Corps. A number of his own students, some of the best-qualified of younger Chinese doctors, joined him, and this group was organized into his staff.

enemy louse. There are also, of course, the Red Cross surgical, preventive and ambulance units; the sanitary unit, however, confines its work to combatting the ravages of the mite. Imagine, then,

EVADING the topic of himself, the doctor described other aspects of the Red Cross Medical Relief Corps work. He spoke of the twenty-odd foreign doctors recently arrived to join the Corps; they

work of the Red Cross Medical Relief Corps, he said, is all supported and financed by public donation. And, he went on, supplies, equipment and transportation facilities are needed, perhaps even



DR. R. K. S. LIM

DR. Lim described the work of a sanitary or delousing unit; these units might be described as front line fighters against the

a group of some twenty people, generally including at least one physician, arriving at a given locality not too far in the rear of one of the many fronts. They set up huge tubs, proceed to heat the largest available quantities of water, and invite the soldiers in for a hot bath. One can conceive of the luxurious sensation of such a wash after weeks of grime, dirt and ceaseless nerve strain on active duty. While the soldier is scrubbing himself clean, all his clothes, his bedding and possessions are carefully sterilized. Coming out of the bath, his skin softened by the hot water and soap, the warrior is then treated for scabies, familiarly known in the profession as "soldier's itch."

THIS bug, Dr. Lim goes on to explain, in return for the free room and board received from the soldier, is often likely to present him with typhus or with an "intermittent fever" whose symptoms are somewhat similar to those of malaria, though not so severe. Nevertheless, this fever disables the sufferer, for the duration of the onset, and when such disability extends to a whole troop, it is a factor to be reckoned with.

ISN'T there an inoculation that might protect against the fever?" we asked the doctor. "Not yet," he answered. "And of course there would be the problem of producing such a vaccine in quantity. To be effective, it would have to be used fresh, but by the time it was transported to wherever needed, it would have lost its potency. Besides, the vaccine would have to be made of the intestines of the mite, delicate operation indeed when you remember that the insect is so small it can be seen only under the microscope. So that quantity production of a vaccine is still an unsolved problem."

more than money. Only eight trucks out of a fleet of 150 had to be purchased by the Corps, the others having been donated. The doctor is devoting some attention to the problem of servicing these ambulance trucks. Spare parts, he points out, are essential for smooth operation, spare parts and more especially fuel, which must of necessity be imported. "Give us spare parts and fuel, continue the flow of instruments and essential drugs," says the doctor, "and our work cannot help but reach the point where we are meeting all the medical needs of China at war."

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BUT Dr. Lim brings us back to the sanitary units. He wants to describe the plan for improving their efficiency. To this end, it is planned that each group be supplied with a length of tubing, threaded for a fifty-gallon oil drum. In the past period such drums have delivered fuel to various Red Cross stations throughout China, and thus are available everywhere. When emptied of the fuel, these drums are easily convertible into water-heaters. The sanitary groups have had no difficulty in converting or improving bathtubs from tubs, vats, wooden boxes or any container at hand.

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HAVING read of the tremendous progress made by China's young womanhood, her entry into the professions, we inquired about the proportion of women serving in the medical corps. Women, said

the Viscount

Viscount Tadashiro Inouye

HEADING for his home in Japan, after a trip to Canton, was Viscount Tadashiro Inouye when we caught him in his hotel room the other day. A bald man with a tremendous interest in sports, he was just back from Manila where he went to witness the Golf Championship. At the time we were talking, the fall of the Abe Cabinet was imminent, and this naturally became a topic, since the Viscount is a member of the Japanese House of Peers. "The position of the Abe Cabinet is rather awkward," he said stonily. "A change will have to come. Who

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This was the point, he thinks, where he climbed to the zenith of his career, since of course there is no level in Japanese life higher than the realm of politics. Yet it is a life not less strenuous than that of a mining engineer; so, following a hunch that the Viscount was free from the encumbrance of shyness, we made bold to ask his preference among the likes of a professor, active engineer, and politician. Blandly he assured us that his private desires would have kept him in the quiet of the University, were professors as well paid as in the outer world! That he really would have preferred to remain a professor he illustrate by adding that he still numbers many an instructor among his personal friends.

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THE Viscount had not visited Hong Kong since early in 1938. Commenting on the fact that the city has not changed visibly since that time, he added with a wry smile that the censorship now in force makes it rather "awkward" (a favourite word with him) for him to write home. We gathered that he has not gone about the city much on this visit, which seemed to us a pity, Hong Kong being at its best in this bright, sparkling weather. But for some reason or other he stays rather close to his hotel room and relies for company on his secretary, a rather solemn young man who chaperones his conversations silently, taking a note or two occasionally.

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THE talk turned to the strained relations between the United States and Japan. The Viscount, having lived in America so long, still retaining in fact a Middle Western accent, feels particularly qualified to understand the American point of view. "It is so regrettable," he said, "that the traditional relationship between America and Japan should be changed." After a moment's hesitation, he went on, "And this is caused by some misunderstanding, you might say, from our side. Americans don't understand what we think

about China. "As we have often declared," he continued: we don't aim at the domination of China, nor at territorial position, but we would like to help China to be a little independent, in the full meaning of the word. And as an Oriental nation, we would like to be in good relations with an independent China. That is the real motive of this war, or incident, as we call it."

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THIS being the longest speech the Viscount had made up to that point, we were so staggered by his eloquence that we could only murmur, "Have you read any good books lately?"

The Viscount beamed, said indeed reading is his favourite hobby next to travelling, and that one of the pleasures of staying in Hong Kong is the fact that here he can buy those books which the Japanese censor bars from his homeland. With a mischievous chuckle, he showed us a copy of "Secret Agent of Japan," a volume acquired that day, and one of those barred from Japan.

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THE conversation naturally turned to censorship of reading matter, and its creation of an appetite for just those forbidden works. The Viscount undertook to explain why appetites must go unsatisfied in his country, taking "Secret Agent" as an example. The author of that book, he felt, was "unfair, and didn't take the other side into consideration." And this created such "misunderstanding" that naturally he could hardly expect to be able to go to Japan, travel freely, talk to whom ever he pleased, gather and record his own impressions and opinions. "He," said the Viscount, "or any author, would first have to prove that he is going to Japan in good faith." And the Viscount sighed as he thought of the days of his youth, when there was no censorship, the days of peace before the World War. But that was long ago, and now, while everybody longs for peace, the outlook is dark, he fears, very dark.

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AT the age of 64, not so much retired as "easing up a bit" as he put it, the Viscount looks back upon a colourful life, rather neatly divided into periods academic pursuits, active professional life, and politics. Educated in Japan and Germany as a mining engineer, at the turn of the century the Viscount worked for a number of years in the gold and copper fields of Colorado, Utah and Montana. Mining was then in its boom period in the States, and he found plenty of opportunities with the Cripple Creek and Utah copper developments. When then offered the post of Professor of Mining at Tokyo Imperial University, he accepted, and remained in this peaceful occupation until 1921. Whether he tired of the quiet life, or wanted the larger remuneration, at that time he resigned his professorship and became chief of the Shoua Steel Works in Manchuria. "Manchuria," he says, "or Manchukuo, as we call it."

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Face Frightfulness An Asset

DESPITE the overwhelming magnitude of the Censorship Bureau, no secret line has been made of the fact that to-morrow is January 22.

The article had written for this week, wishing my readers a Happy Whit-Monday, has, therefore, had to be scrapped, and another written hastily in its place.

Apparently, the Government, which takes every precaution to prevent the enemy knowing what the weather is like over here, does not mind him knowing what the date is.

I do not understand this. To my mind, nothing could be more confusing to the enemy than to learn that, while he himself was falling

ed by Press, pulpit and radio that "frightfulness is a patriotic duty."

Whatever happens, come rain or shine, bombs, black-outs, margarine, sudden death or evacuees, we are to keep a smile upon the face, however much it hurts ourselves or the spectators.

There is, of course, nothing new in

By YAFFLE

this. Throughout history, one of the important war-time problems has always been—**WHAT TO DO WITH THE FACE.**

From the earliest times, the face has been regarded as of special use in warfare, generally as a foetidifier. The usual custom was to aid the natural ferocity of repulsiveness of the dial, when necessary, by camouflage.

The Japanese, for example, used to go into battle wearing hideous masks, and the only Japanese joke I've ever heard was one about a returning warrior who, told to take his mask off now that the war was over, replied, "What mask?"

Such face-amplifiers had their advantages. Behind them, a man could give his face a day off. While the mask was at work upsetting the enemy's peace of mind, he could laugh at the sergeant-major and put out his tongue at the O.C. But, as time went on, masks were abandoned, and the face was left to do its own dirty work.

Records show that during the Middle Ages, before the use of explosives made it possible to kill a man at a distance, irrespective of one's features, the face appears to have been regarded as a valuable auxiliary weapon for the infantry.

According to Shakespeare, Henry V. attached great military importance to the face. At the most critical moment of the siege of Harfleur, he seemed to have been more concerned about the correct disposition of his army's features than about anything else. He said:

"Disguise fair nature with hard-favoured rage. Lend the eye a terrible aspect. Let it try through the portage of the head like the brass cannon. Let the brow overwhelm it as fearfully as doth a galled rock o'erhang and jutty its confounded base, swilled by the wild and wasteful ocean. Now set the teeth and stretch the nostrile wide" And so on.

No portraits have come down to us of these shipwrecking pans, so we do not know whether any fifteenth century soldier ever did succeed in looking like a windy day at Land's End. But there is no doubt that the foot-slogger of those days had to learn face-frightfulness, as well as archery and pike-drill. It would be interesting to know the record nostril-expansion.

There is no reason to believe, however, that the face was ever intended to be used primarily as a lethal weapon. Doubtless there always were, as there are still, faces guaranteed to kill at five paces. But that was not their main function.

The face was aimed, not at the enemy's physique, but at his morale. The idea was to demoralise him by conveying the impression that the wearer of the deployed nostrils was a creature of more than human ferocity who, when not occupied in advancing into breaches, passed his time chewing broken bottles and devouring his young.

To-day, the war-time function of the face is still propaganda. Its object, however, is to convince the foe that the enemy at a distance.

not that we are plug-uglies, but that we are all little rays of sunshine.

Nothing cheers us up so much as a good war. However, sadly, the English take their pleasures in peace-time. In war the nation automatically becomes the life and soul of the planet. All wars are jolly, but this one is a riot. We are so confident of winning that we can't stop laughing.

That is the impression we wish to convey, and if the act doesn't get across, the enemy must be a damned unbelieving dog.

Here I feel obliged to utter a word of warning. Readers will find that with all this deliberate and determined grinning and crackling, the face gets frightfully tired. For the first year or so one wakes in the morning feeling painfully stiff in the pan.

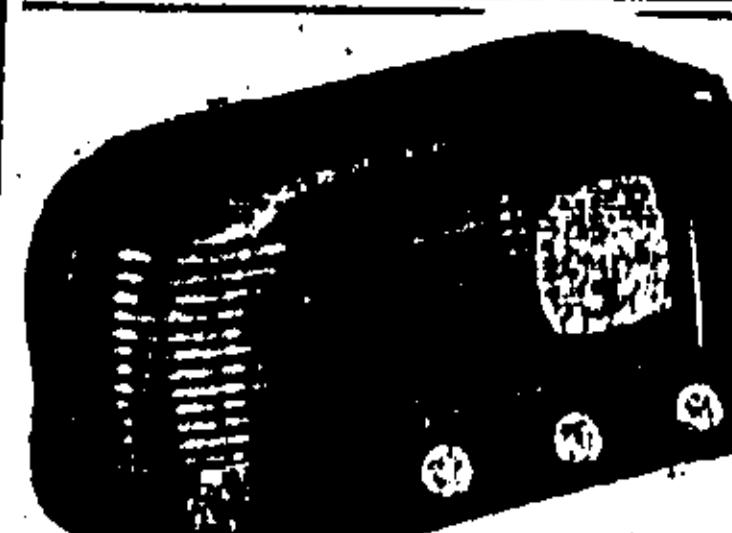
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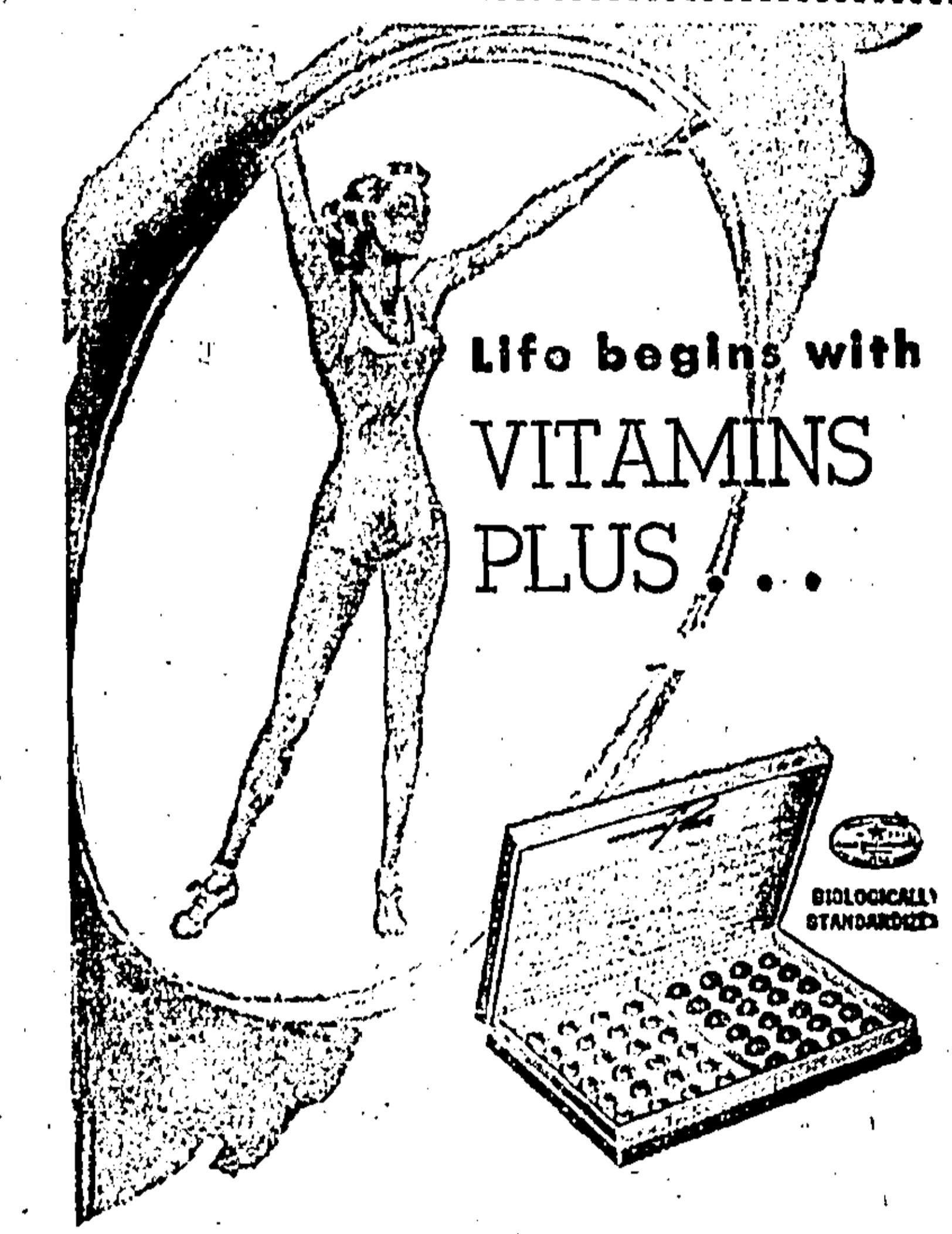
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There is the story of the pig. You know it, perhaps. Hitler (at other times, it is Mussolini or Stalin) was being driven along a country road when his car ran over a pig. The Führer was very upset. He gave the chauffeur a sum of money to pay for the pig, filled his arms with presents of flowers and food, and sent him off.

The fifth German whispered, fearfully:

"Have a care! Do you not know it is dangerous to discuss politics in public?"

The Italian version (or so it was for a time) is about a lunatic who escaped from a mental hospital, and proceeded to declaim to a crowd who gathered round him:—

"Il Duce is robbing the country so he can live in comfort. The people suffer for the ambitions of dictators. Everyone is starving."

"Hell Hitler! Go on," said the Führer.

"Hell Hitler! I spoke to them and they started dancing and throwing their hats in the air."

"Hell Hitler! What did you say?" snapped the Führer.

"Hell Hitler! I only said: 'Hell Hitler! I come from the Führer. The pig is dead!'" said the chauffeur.

"Hell Hitler! It is very strange," said the Führer.

Then there is the story of a question:

A policeman came up and arrested the madman, but before he could take him to gaol he was stopped by a warden.

"You can't arrest that man!" said the warden. "He's insane. He doesn't know what he's talking about."

"Oh yeah?" says the policeman in the Italian equivalent (but perhaps Italian policemen have gone as Hollywoodish as ourselves). "He's as sane as I am, or how could he understand the political situation so well?"

In Russia they used to ask each other a whispered riddle: What is the difference between Moses and Lenin?

Answer: Moses first brought the plagues and then freedom. Lenin brought freedom first then the plagues.

The same kind of humorous criticism is in the story of the Russian questioning an American visitor to Moscow.

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"How many people work there?"

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"But that's impossible!"

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tential of United States' influence in the realm of international diplomacy is dissipated by the cold cynicism of minority isolationist sentiment.

A Heavy Loss

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Japan's New Cabinet

Admiral Yonai has succeeded General Abe as Prime Minister in Japan and has chosen strong representative Cabinet including members of both the Seiyukai and Minseito parties. Mr. Arima returns to office as Foreign Minister and General Hata (regarded as the most likely Premier) has pledged the Army's support. Meaning of the changes which have taken place will be more easily judged by developments than from the official statements of policy which imply that there was nothing radically wrong with the policy pursued by General Abe! Admiral Yonai's desire for adjustment of relations with the United States and the Democracies and distrust of totalitarian tendencies in Japan have been heralded as a token of encouragement for the future. When, however, Prince Konoye says that the affairs of the Japanese Empire are "disorganized, disorderly and hopeless," it is plain that the new Premier's task is not an easy one. To find an acceptable exit from the China Affair, adjust it to the "new order in East Asia" catch-phrase, meet the requirements of the United States, are small problems, relatively, to those to be faced on the home front.

Dilemma

How deeply Sweden is torn between her sympathies with Finland, realisation that Finland represents her first line of defence, and natural reluctance to become an active partner in the war, was shown in Parliamentary speeches. Significantly, Mr. Sandier, fresh back from Finland, with his call for unrestricted support to the point of military co-operation, aroused high enthusiasm among the Deputies, but failed to disturb endorsement of the more cautious official policy, which, for the moment, leans backward in defiance of Sweden's neutrality, as against open support for the Finns, Norway, with smaller population, but more nearly out of harm's way, took a stronger line and refused to subscribe to the Soviet argument that the passage of arms through Norway for Finland must be regarded as an un-neutral act. The pertinent test for Germany is, perhaps, assessment of the difference between neutral Russian supplies to Germany and neutral supplies to Finland.

Isolationists Again

Finland, meantime, furnishes the occasion for another isolationist fight in the United States. The American which produces a Roosevelt and an attitude of mind such as was expressed in the President's speech to Congress at the opening of the present session a week or two back, and at the same time squabbles over the form and extent of aid to Finland, or on whether any aid should be given at all, is a perpetual puzzle to those unacquainted with her complicated internal politics. It is difficult to imagine otherwise than that the extreme isolationists will suffer another sharp defeat, but that there should be a battle at all must be an easy wicket. He bats

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's appeal to Chiang Kai-shek to join in a "united front" for peace must be viewed in the light of the situation in Japan. It is unlikely that Wang sent the telegram with any high expectation of acceptance of the offer, but that it was made at all is of high significance. Immediate inference is that Japan is less dogmatic about the total elimination of the Generalissimo from Chinese political affairs than she was some months ago. Chiang Kai-shek may well decline to declare the innings closed. He bats

SCRUTATOR.

United Front?

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's appeal to Chiang Kai-shek to join in a "united front" for peace must be viewed in the light of the situation in Japan. It is unlikely that Wang sent the telegram with any high expectation of acceptance of the offer, but that it was made at all is of high significance. Immediate inference is that Japan is less dogmatic about the total elimination of the Generalissimo from Chinese political affairs than she was some months ago. Chiang Kai-shek may well decline to declare the innings closed. He bats

Battle Of Ideas: By Allen Lane

PUBLISHING'S FUTURE

SOMEONE asked me the other day whether I thought book publishing was not at the cross-roads. I answered "No—it is well past them, but few people noticed the signpost." The war and its special problems has only served to reveal and intensify the crisis long maturing in the business.

One of the outstanding facts is that the economics of general publishing are founded on an artificial basis.

No business can go on ignoring the problem of its market, yet, as far as I am aware, no efforts have been made in market research for the last 20 years, and although there are some first-class brains engaged in the production of books there is not in existence any survey of the book-reading habits of the book-reading public. A part of this may be due to the almost complete concentration of publishing in London.

A result of this metropolitan monopoly is that the only market normally reckoned on by the publisher is a narrow and thoroughly artificial one. When he considers publishing a book, his marketing estimate is roughly this: X's Circulating Library will be good for 100 copies, Y's will take 50, the big booksellers, a number of whom run their own libraries, will subscribe 100 or so; he concludes that a sale of, say, 400 to 500 copies is possible, and that, when at a later stage the surplus copies come to be remaindered, he will make a small profit, or, at the worst, break even.

It is significant, indeed, that this should be the moment when Italy resents the suggestion that she is contemplating a change of friends. Italy, clearly, is not to be hurried into any drastic change of policy. She is content to stand detached in an "armed peace" atmosphere, awaiting opportunity to advance her interests. Yet, traditionally, her place in the European struggle is with the West and events in the long run may lead her thither.

So we have the production of a large number of different titles, in small quantities—at a high price. And although the authors concerned may not like it, I have no

hesitation in saying that most of them would not be missed.

The spate of Adventures of Society Ladies in Journeys, of Biographies of Sportsmen, Murderers, and Music Hall Stars, and Memoirs of ex-policemen, retired generals, and successful business men serve little useful purpose other than to flatter their authors, subjects, and those friends who have been mentioned in them, to fill the gaps in Library Lists, and to make a small, in most cases a very small, profit for the paper-snake, printer, binder, publisher, and bookseller.

In fiction, the position is not much better. The unsuccessful, or only moderately successful novelist makes little money, one of the most experienced publishers puts the average earnings at less than £50 per book, and achieves a ridiculously small circulation, while at the other end of the scale the best-selling authors are often paid uneconomic advances on account of a high royalty scale as an inducement for them to continue with or change over to a particular publisher's list.

In a number of cases these advances are never earned, and the unearned balances are written off as an advertising item, and, in any case, in order to recoup himself as far as possible for his investment, the publisher has to load the book with as high a price as he dares, and hope through concentrated advertising over the first few weeks after publication to cause a run on the libraries, which will compel them to order up freely in order to satisfy their subscribers.

Publishing needs to work to a co-ordinated conception of the job it has to do. It needs to think in terms of a mass market and of a mass market which is continually changing.

Two years ago, it started to think

about international affairs, and the possibility of war; to-day, it is heartily fed-up with the whole business

and wants to know what the best

brains are thinking about the possibility of a better world order in the future.

If publishing is to take its proper

place in this new world, it will have

to produce the right goods quickly,

cheaply, and well.

"STORMY PETREL" PASSES

Senator Borah, Rider Of Hobby Horses, Dies After Fall

NAZI MENACE TO LOW COUNTRIES

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

IN A LEADING ARTICLE HEADED "TENSION RELAXED," "THE TIMES" WRITES: "THE WINTRY WEATHER WITH POOR VISIBILITY AND SNOWED UP ROADS HAS PROBABLY SETTLED, FOR THE MOMENT AT ANY RATE, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND IS OR IS NOT ABOUT TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE WESTERN FRONT VIA HOLLAND AND BELGIUM."

"Surprise being one of Hitler's favourite weapons, in war as in diplomacy, it can never be said for certain that no prospect of such attack exists."

IRISH SWEEP CLOSING

London, Yesterday. The Irish Sweep—largest sweepstake the world has ever known—is closing down after ten years.

All the men employed have been advised to look for other jobs.

Many of the girls have been dismissed.

By the end of March the Sweep will have no employees left.

The war has ended the Sweep, because foreign money was its life-blood. From most countries the export of currency is now prohibited.

Since the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes were started in 1930 more than £60,000,000 has been paid for tickets. Of this about £47,000,000 has gone back to the public in prize

"Hitler is ready to attack any neighbour at any moment, and since he has no regard for the given pledge, the fact that he has formally assured both the Dutch and Belgian Governments that he has no designs against them only makes it more likely that if and when a general offensive in the west is ordered from Berlin, it should be carried out through the neutral countries on either flank of the Maginot defensive system." — British Wireless.

Calm Restored

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Brussels, Yesterday. The official Belgian agency announces that after last week-end's alarm, calm has been restored throughout the country.

It adds, however, that the precautionary measures are being maintained.

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Washington, Yesterday.

SENATOR WILLIAM EDGAR BORAH, "stormy petrel" of American politics and leader of the Isolationists, died last night in his 75th year from cerebral hemorrhage following an accidental fall in his home.

He was apparently free from pain during the last hours according to those watching at the bedside. From the time he was stricken, he rarely regained consciousness. When he did, he called for Mary, his wife, who never left the bedside. As death appeared imminent, a nurse hurriedly summoned the doctor, but Senator Borah was dead before the doctor arrived.

Senator Borah, for many years chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was chiefly known in England for his outspoken criticisms of European affairs.

His "hobby-horses" were numerous.

War debts, inflation and an isolationist policy for the United States were among his favourites and he never failed to mount them when occasion arose.

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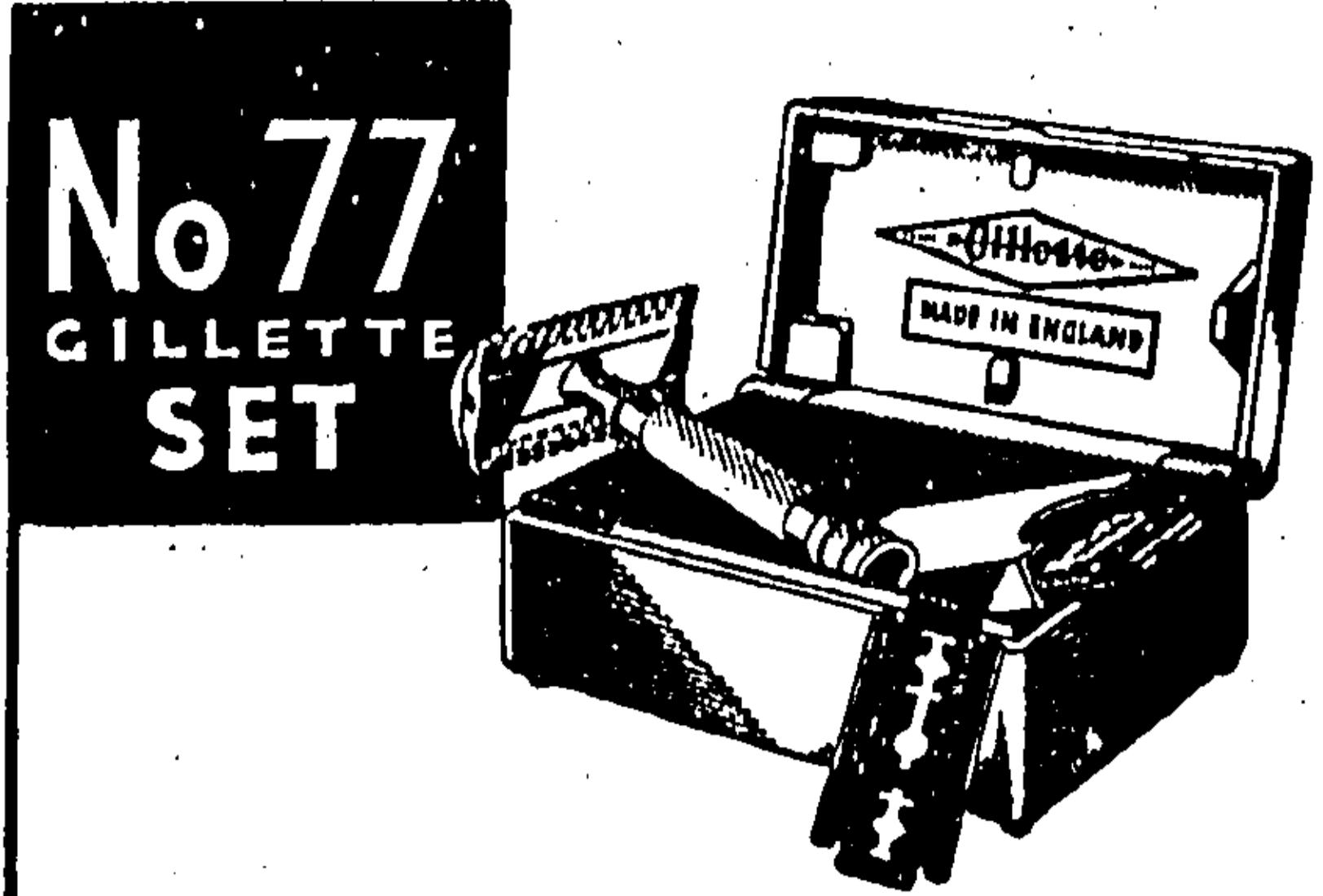
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Graf Spee And German Ship Of State A Nazi Analogy

THE manner in which the Graf von Spee, the pocket battleship on which the German naval constructors had lavished all their skill in order to defeat the clauses of the Naval Treaty, came to its inglorious end on December 17th, has been the theme of many articles. For a Captain to retreat when confronted with cruisers of much less gun power, and then to scuttle the ship, under the orders of Herr Hitler, is something new in naval annals.

This action brings up the whole question of German Sea power.

Obviously Germany cannot hope to rival the British fleet in number of ships or in strength, though it may try to build bigger ships than it possesses at present. By the Naval Treaty with Britain in 1934, the Germans agreed to limit their naval construction to one-third of that of Great Britain. In 'Mein Kampf' Hitler says that the previous ruler of Germany made a great mistake when he challenged British Naval Supremacy. It was impossible for Germany to secure the hegemony of Europe and at the same time become a world power on the sea. The weakness of this position was revealed during the last war, in spite of the Kaiser's great efforts, the German colonies were lost almost as soon as the war started. It is useless for Germany to build a navy unless it surpasses that of Great Britain, and this it cannot do, without a great war in which she must be successful. As that war must take place before such superiority can be achieved her chances of success are poor. Apart from that however, the cost of maintaining the greatest army and the greatest navy in the world would prove an intolerable burden, to present day Germany.

A Virtue Of Necessity

Hitler faced the situation realistically and accepted the position of naval inferiority to Great Britain and so made a virtue out of necessity. He, of course, made the point that this noble gesture on his part was in the cause of peaceful relations with Britain. It was, like all his agreements, a temporary arrangement to enable him to carry out his expansionist policy on land, and would have been denounced as soon as it suited his convenience.

But the development of a great German navy after the war would not have been an easy matter even if financial or political considerations had not entered into the question, since the collapse of Germany in the last war had its immediate cause in the naval mutiny that broke out in Kiel in November. The morale of the German sailors had been destroyed by their enforced idleness in Kiel Harbour, and also by the repeated and almost monotonous failure of the U-boats to return.

It was almost certain death to proceed to sea. No wonder then that the sailors who had time to brood on these matters were not equal to the strain and became infected with revolutionary ideas. It is a cardinal principle of Nazi doctrine that the Germans were not defeated in war, but were destroyed by the machinations of agitators and plotters on the home front. As the mutiny broke out at naval headquarters it follows that the Germans regard this treason in Kiel and the betrayal of the country as the root cause of the collapse. Not all the exploits of Capt. Muller of the Emden nor of Niemoller in his

U-boat could obliterate for them to-day.

A Galling Experience

Then the complete surrender of the German Fleet at Scapa Flow was a galling experience to one can imagine. It showed how relentless and persistent the British blockade had been. It was a fitting climax to that long four years vigil at sea, and was more spectacular than a great victory at sea—it was at the same time a death blow to German naval prestige.

It was natural then that in the new order which Nazi Germany established that other arms should have preference. The naval tradition had been destroyed and naturally there was not the same enthusiasm about it as there might have been had its honour been untarnished by the Mutiny or a portion of its strength left more or less intact.

It was possible however to build up the air arm which had its Richthofen as its hero and patron saint

BY "CIVIS"

because of his great successes in the war. It was also believed that an air force would be more effective than a fleet in dealing with England, and again it would be possible to build an air force that might even be greater than that of Great Britain.

Air Enthusiasm

It was on this that Germany's energies were concentrated. A tremendous wave of enthusiasm ran through Germany, stimulated by propaganda in schools and colleges for the purpose of giving the air force pride of place in Germany's affection. It was the special creation of the Nazi party and was considered to be the new means of salvation. While the air force was placed in charge of Marshal Goering (only second to Hitler) who was given full and unfettered power, the Navy was sponsored by no one in particular. The fleet had been a failure, the new air arm was to retrieve the disaster of 1918, and restore Germany's prestige.

This then explains in part what happened at Montevideo. The German gunnery was poor in comparison with that at Jutland, when the Kaiser's Navy gave a good account of itself, though it was crippled for the rest of the war. The kind of work which the German sailors are now called upon to do is chiefly to go into the seas in submarines and torpedo as many merchant ships as possible. There is not much glory in that, especially when, as so frequently happens, it is a Dutch or Scandinavian ship that has to be destroyed. There is reason also to believe that the quality of workmanship of the German warships is not very high. The Graf Spee was obviously not able to stand the shock so well as the Exeter, although the shells landing on the latter were of greater calibre than those fired at the former.

Personal Factor

The important thing in every action whether on land or sea is the spirit of those engaged in the struggle. We see it on land in Finland, where a small nation is at the moment engaged in a life and death struggle, with a nation forty times its size and yet the smaller nation is gallantly withstanding the attack. The Graf Spee obviously was at a disadvantage: its action was characterized by faulty gunnery, bad strategy, excessive vibration because of high horse power of Diesel engines, and also want of fighting spirit.

The British Navy has its standards and when the testing time comes it fights as a unit, and has only one idea, almost unconscious, and that is to maintain those traditions. These are so ingrained that they determine the action which must fit in with the pattern Nelson created. Let it be said that this view of the action which took place off the River Plate is prejudiced, let us quote the statement made by a neutral or high naval rank.

"What courage, leadership, training and the offensive spirit can do has been shown us in the past week, when guns of 6" and 8" beat those of 11", and light cruisers forced a strongly armoured and heavily weaponed ship to retreat."

"Speed and manoeuvrability will have been important factors in this struggle, but once again it has been proved that one must not think too much in facts and figures or place oneself too much on the material standpoint. It is still always the personal factor which decides the result in a not too unequal fight."

and secondly the comment of a Panama newspaper:

"The Graf Spee died by her own hand and died without honour. Compare her sad end with the British merchantman Rawalpindi, which, with penny guns, fought the German battleship and cruiser to the bitter end."

An Epitome

The von Spee's career and its end is on the whole a commentary on if not an epitome of the German state

to-day.

Germany is a vast pocket battleship, with a grandiose appearance. It has powerful guns, young men as a crew with deep political feelings, and strongly attached to their Fuehrer, but more efficiently trained as Nazis than as sailors or citizens. Its greatest success is when it swoops down upon something that is quite unequal to the contest, such as Austria, Czechoslovakia or Poland. These are sunk or destroyed quite rapidly. When this ship of state is confronted with anything that approaches it in strength it seeks to avoid the issue, and tries every possible means to stave it off.

It may try a peace offensive, or it may manoeuvre to divide its opponents and deal with them separately. But just as the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles held together, and no attack by the enemy could shake them off, so the radio propaganda from

Germany cannot divide the forces of British Empire and France, who hold resolutely together on land and sea and face this monster which has terrorised the smaller nations for so many years. The ship of state is too highly powered, its engines cause such vibration that correct aim is impossible, the Fuehrer's emotional outbursts, his power politics keep the nation in a state of such movement and excitement that true perspective can not be obtained. Germany is capable of delivering blows, but its spiritual and moral armour are too weak and cannot sustain attack from those whose aim is steady and less nervous. The nation, for practical purposes, consists of a crew of young men, physically fit, highly disciplined, and imbued with strong party spirit. The ship of state demands all the physical, mental and moral energy the individual possesses. There is no consistency however about that to which the loyalty is attached. The young men for example are required to denounce Bolshevism one week, and think of it kindly the next. The German ship of State is not steering a steady course, nor is it approaching any peaceful haven.

Lack Of Solid Tradition

Restlessness, and bewilderment naturally follow, for there is no solid tradition, no firm ground on which to anchor the mind. Only by surrendering the will, and blindly and obediently accepting the dictates from above does the ship function at all.

Will the parallel be carried further? Will the Captain of this ship of state when he realizes the desperate condition of his vessel, after it has been badly knocked about as it will be by the violent assaults of the Allies upon it, scuttle the whole thing, and leave his crew stranded and will he have the courage to follow the brave example of Capt. Landsdorf?

No one knows when the end will come, but the relentless pressure, and the skilful manoeuvring to bring the heaviest broadside to bear on this powerful adversary will undoubtedly prove successful. In the German ship in which the Nazis placed such faith and in which they had such pride, to be sunk in the fairway of Europe? Is its collapse going to make resumption of peaceful intercourse, rather difficult or can this Nazi vessel, the product of a frenzied and fevered imagination be removed, and the crew trained to better things? It is a grave problem and one that will tax the ability of the best statesmen in the world.

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BRITISH SUBMARINE HOME IN TRIUMPH — The triumphant British submarine "Salmon" with her gallant commander and crew safely back at a British port. She was the submarine which recently sighted the "Bremen" and sank a German U-boat and torpedoed the cruisers Lelizig and Blucher. Her commander Lt. Comdr. E. C. Bickford, has been promoted to Commander and awarded the D.B.O. Photo shows the gallant crew on the "Salmon" with Commander Bickford, D.B.O. looking out of the conning tower. (Air Mail. Copy-right.)

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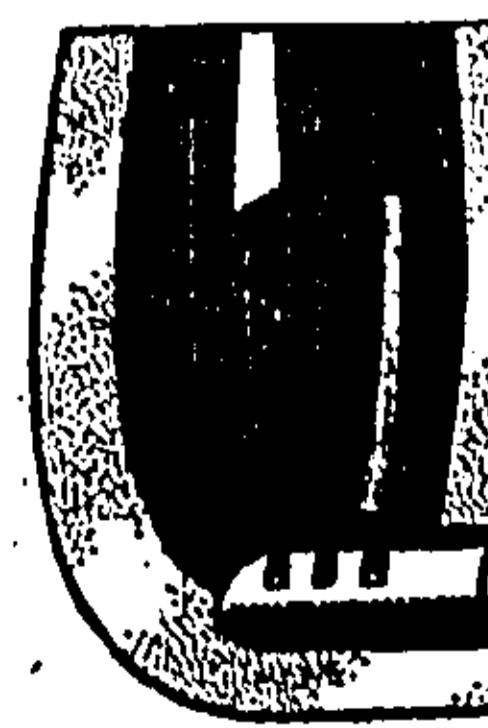
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"EVERY WAKING MINUTE MUST BE SUPERVISED"

AMSTERDAM, YESTERDAY.
HOW THE ORGANISED NAZI TERROR INSIDE
GERMANY HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED SINCE
THE OUTBREAK OF WAR IS SHOWN BY THE
LATEST NUMBER OF THE "SCHULUNGS-
BRIEF," A PERIODICAL ISSUED FOR THE
PRIVATE READING OF NAZI OFFICIALS
AND NOT SOLD TO THE PUBLIC.

Articles contributed to this number by Dr. Ley, head of the party organisation, and Heydrich, the brutal chief of the Gestapo, deal with the "internal battlefield," to use a phrase coined some time ago by Hitler, the chief of police, as a front where the fighting, though underground, may be just as bitter as the land, sea and air war against Britain and France.

Dr. Ley reveals that preparations to switch the Nazi Party organisation from a peace to a war standing were begun two years ago.

This is an interesting admission in view of the fact that the speeded-up in British rearmament since the Munich agreement is constantly put forward by German propaganda as a proof of Britain's desire for war.

Dr. Ley makes no bones about the fact that the chief duty of the war organisation is to spy on the German people and to crush the slightest sign of dissatisfaction with the utmost ruthlessness.

EFFECT OF BRITISH BLOCKADE

TOKYO, Yesterday.
German imports from Japan amounted to 19,400,000 yen in July and to 8,580,000 in October. German exports to Japan dropped from 2,710,000 yen in July to 6,905 in October.—Our Own Correspondent.

GOERING REPORTED WOUNDED BY SNIPERS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.
The mystery of Field-Marshal Goering's disappearance for a fortnight from Nazi public life is solved by the news, received through diplomatic channels, that an attempt to assassinate him was made just before Christmas.

Snipers wounded the Nazi leader when he was on a hunting expedition in the Vorpethel Forest. For several days Goering was confined to his bed while doctors attended the wound in his leg.

Gestapo agents have arrested three of the would-be assassins and are trying to discover the source from which their orders came.

Goering complained to Hitler that Himmler's measures to safeguard his (Goering's) life were inadequate, and that the snipers' ambush was the result of neglect.

But Hitler, as dependent for his own safety on Himmler, refused to censure the Gestapo leader. Instead he ordered that a personal bodyguard should always attend on Goering.

It is still rumoured, however, that behind the forest ambush was the hand of Himmler himself.—Havas.

ALLIED AID FOR BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Brussels, Yesterday.
Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief, is reported to have told a Belgian newspaper correspondent that the Allies would immediately come to the aid of Belgium in the event of a German invasion.—Havas.

GERMANS MUST EAT IN PUBLIC

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Antwerp, Yesterday.
Under the stress of war conditions, Germans are eating fewer meals at home. And the German hausfrau, traditionally proud of the table she keeps, is being forced to leave her own home.

These observers believe that intensive bombing raids on factories, communications and other military objectives inside Germany over a long period would go far to complete the demoralisation of the German people.

The skill and courage of British air force pilots have greatly impressed their opposite numbers in the German air force. A Nazi air force officer said to one of my informants in a rather disapproving tone of voice that the British pilots were mad and seemed to regard fighting as an exciting form of sport.

Now, with the increasing shortage of supplies and transport difficulties, more than 75 per cent. of the workers have their midday meals in such places.

A very large number of families fetch their midday dinner daily from public kitchens.

In Berlin alone, apart from the many canteens run by the larger firms, there are nine huge district kitchens, which send out thousands of meals a day.

But these are not always as substantial as those the hausfrau produced in her own kitchen in war days.

For instance, it has been impossible to buy potatoes in Berlin during the last two days.—Havas.

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT PLANS

MELBOURNE, YESTERDAY.
THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET YESTERDAY DECIDED TO SET UP A SPECIAL ORGANISATION TO DIRECT THE MANUFACTURE OF AIRCRAFT.

The Cabinet also discussed the supply of munitions to Britain, and approval was given for the supply of £2,750,000 worth of munitions to Britain and the setting aside of £500,000 to provide resources in Australia for the manufacture of new types of guns and explosives.—Reuter.

Keeping Workers Quiet

Members of the Party war organisation have been placed under martial law, and lack of discipline or cowardice will be punished as if they were soldiers in the field.

A certain percentage is exempted from military service, but those who do not perform their duties with sufficient ruthlessness will be sent to the front and replaced by other Party officials withdrawn from the fighting forces.

The Labour Front, of which Dr. Ley is also the chief, has been given the war job of "guaranteeing social peace in industry"—or, in other words, of keeping the workers quiet either by concessions and flattery or by terror.

Dr. Ley admits that every waking minute of a German's life must be organised and supervised so that he has no time for dangerous talk.

Heydrich devotes his article in the Schulungsbrief to a review of the work of the Volksschutz, or "national reporting service," as the party spying organisation is euphemistically known.

"The war forced on the German people," he writes, "demands the total mobilisation of the nation's vigilance. Every German must be ready to take appropriate action against the slightest sign of treachery or of subversive activities."

"Mad" R.A.F. Pilots

Travellers from Germany who have arrived in Amsterdam during the last few days report that, although no bombs were dropped, British reconnaissance flights have had a tremendous moral effect among the civil population and have also interfered considerably with the industrial production.

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PLAN TO WRECK U.S. DAM

NEW YORK, YESTERDAY.

A plot to wreck the massive Government-operated Boulder Dam, and so cripple aircraft production in Southern California—where orders for Britain and France are being carried out—has been revealed in Washington.

Saboteurs in the pay of an international revolutionary organisation, sympathetic to Communist aims, planned to float mines into the dam's intake towers.

It was stated that the blast was calculated to disrupt power plants and plunge Los Angeles county into darkness and flood a million acres of the rich Imperial Valley.

Information reaching officials indicated that the mines were to be floated at night from small boats. It was expected that they would be carried below the surface by the current into the intake towers and from there to the water pipes feeding the turbines, where they would have exploded.—Our Own Correspondent.

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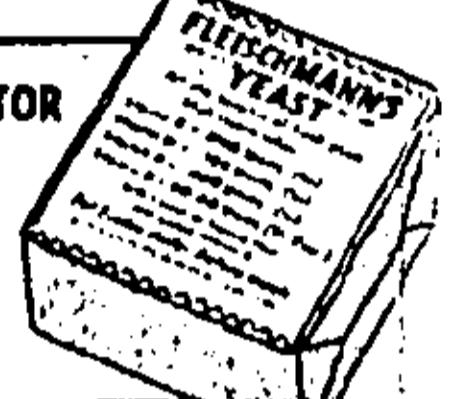
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THE GERMAN GENERAL STAFF AND MOSCOW

"WAR is the prolongation of policy by other means." This saying of the great Prussian military writer Clausewitz has been the motto of the German General Staff since the defeat of 1918. When the Reichswehr dreamed of having their revenge for Versailles, they envisaged the possibility of enlisting the Soviet Union as a revisionist factor in the fight against the Western Powers. The pact with Stalin which Hitler concluded in August 1939, thatabolished partnership with Bolshevism, had for twenty years figured in the programme of the Reichswehr strategists. The German General Staff had worked for this consummation with the thoroughness inherent in their race.

"As I see it, Germany's military rebirth will result from a conjunction with Russia. Alliance with Bolshevism? That may be putting it too strongly. Bismarck's "reinsurance" treaty was a diplomatic masterpiece. Never, like Chancellor Caprivi, would I fear to stance on different issues. In politics I know no prejudices. You have heard what the "Voelkischer Beobachter" wrote about me? His successes are those of a hero of adventure. Some women were ready to sacrifice their useless lives. They reflected however in time that it was hardly worth while—notwithstanding

BY KURT CARO

ing this I have treated with Hitler. It is agreeable to me to read, even in Alfred Rosenberg's "Future of a German Foreign Policy," According to England's attitude towards Germany, so it will be necessary to adjust the relations of the Reich to Moscow, whatever form they may take." Recently, in Berlin, when I had to negotiate with General Tuchatschewski, I was astonished to find that he entertained very similar ideas. Do not allow yourself to be deceived by extemists. The Russian end will be trumps one day."

General von Schleicher was merely the faithful disciple of Colonel von Seeckt, the real creator of the new Reichswehr. In order to conceal the German re-armament and to prepare a future war against the western states, the Reichswehr were ready to resort to any means. Their conviction was that they must act, unscrupulously and without prejudice. Just as Napoleon was at one time duped by Sharnhorst, Seeckt and Schleicher intended to doublecross the Western Powers and to reinstate Soviet Russia in the European game. As little as Ludendorff, when he dispatched Lenin to Russia in 1917, did they fear the consequences of an alliance with Brest-Litovsk.

When the German Foreign Minister, Walter Rathenau, returned in April 1920 from Genoa with the Rapallo Treaty, which he had signed with the Soviet Foreign Commissar Chicherin, to the surprise of Poincaré and Lloyd George, he and the German Chancellor Dr. Wirth encountered the strongest opposition on the part of President Ebert, who abhorred this treaty with the Soviets as machiavellian. A cabinet crisis threatened. Then Seeckt obtained an audience with Ebert and pleaded on behalf of the Reichswehr for the Rapallo Treaty. In his book "Thoughts of a Soldier," General von Seeckt later defended the theory that the German standing army as created by the Treaty of Versailles needed the support of the Russian masses and the Russian raw materials.

As regards German internal policy, the alliance with Communism was sporadically realised at the moment. The possibility of a rapprochement between the Soviet Union and the Reich was the constant aspiration of part of the German General Staff." These words figured in the report of the French Minister in Sofia of December 16th 1928—and are reproduced in the French Yellow Book—as the considered opinion of the Bulgarian Foreign Minister. All the generals whose names have been definitely connected with Reichswehr policy since 1919 have consistently promoted relations with the Red Army. Hitler has therefore purely and simply realised the dream of Seeckt, Schleicher, Hammerstein and Keitel—the old German dream of expansion and conquest.

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Tschunko were the directors of this department. General Hanse was at the same time chief of the political section of the Reichswehr, which was thus in the hands of a prominent supporter of a Russo-German combination.

One of the great banks of Berlin held an account for "Oskar Buchholz" centralising all the expenditure for the Russian arms purchases of the Reichswehr. To conceal these operations, a special commercial company had been founded. At first the Reichswehr officers employed the "Gesellschaft zur Förderung Gewerbeleblicher Unternehmungen" (the so-called GEFU). Later this name was converted into that of "Wirtschaftskontor" (WIKO). A leading part in these transactions was played by the Junkers airplane works in Dessau, which had built their own factory in Soviet Russia. When Junkers entered into conflict with the Reichswehr Ministry, he compiled a secret memorandum setting forth the relations between the Reichswehr and the Soviet military circles.

In the following years, the Reichswehr concluded regular treaties with the Soviet State in order to elide the military clauses of the Treaty of Versailles and to create German re-armament centres in Russia. The idea was that the Soviet Union had emerged from the chaos as a young military power, whose tendencies were directed against the western imperialism, also regarded by the Reichswehr as their mortal enemy. By these pacts, close relations were created between the German and the Russian General Staffs—relations which despite political tensions and differences have never been entirely broken off. They constituted the starting point for Ribbentrop when he was able to persuade Hitler to play the Russian card.

A comprehensive picture of the combined action that took place between the Soviets and the Reichswehr in these years was given on December 16th 1928 in the Reichstag by the recently deceased Chancellor Scheidemann. Scheidemann revealed that the Reichswehr Ministry included a special group which spent an annual sum of sixty million marks (about five million pounds) for the manufacture of arms in the Soviet Union. Over a hundred Reichswehr officers were given constant leave for special military duties in Russia. The present commander of the territorial army, General Keitel, then a collaborator of General Hanse, was one of the leaders of this Russian group. This special group maintained permanently in Soviet Russia whole staffs of officers and technicians. The Generals Wutzbecher and Hosse, the Captain or Major Vogt, Fischer, von Niedermayer and

B.S.T. EARLIER THAN USUAL

London, Yesterday, No official statement has yet been issued, but Summer Time is likely to come into force in the British Isles at the beginning of March this year. Last year, B.S.T. began on April 10.—Our Own Correspondent.

ATHENIA HEROINE GAOLED

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

STEWARDESS MARION CAMPBELL OF THE ATHENIA, KEPT COOL WHEN THE LINER WAS TORPEDOED BY A U-BOAT THE DAY AFTER WAR BROKE OUT. SHE WAS ONE OF THE HEROINES OF THE DISASTER. THREE LETTERS FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE SHIP COMMEND HER EFFORTS IN THE RESCUE WORK.

When Miss Campbell, who is 32, got back to Glasgow she made friends with several people who sympathised with her over what she had gone through.

RECEIVE PAYMENT

Mr. James Adair, prosecuting in Glasgow Sheriff Court yesterday, said that she pretended to them that she was to receive £80 from the Government because of her work on the Athenia.

Believing this, one woman gave her permission to get goods from warehouses. Miss Campbell got goods to the value of £97.

Miss Campbell's solicitor suggested that her terrifying experience in the Athenia might have unbalanced her.

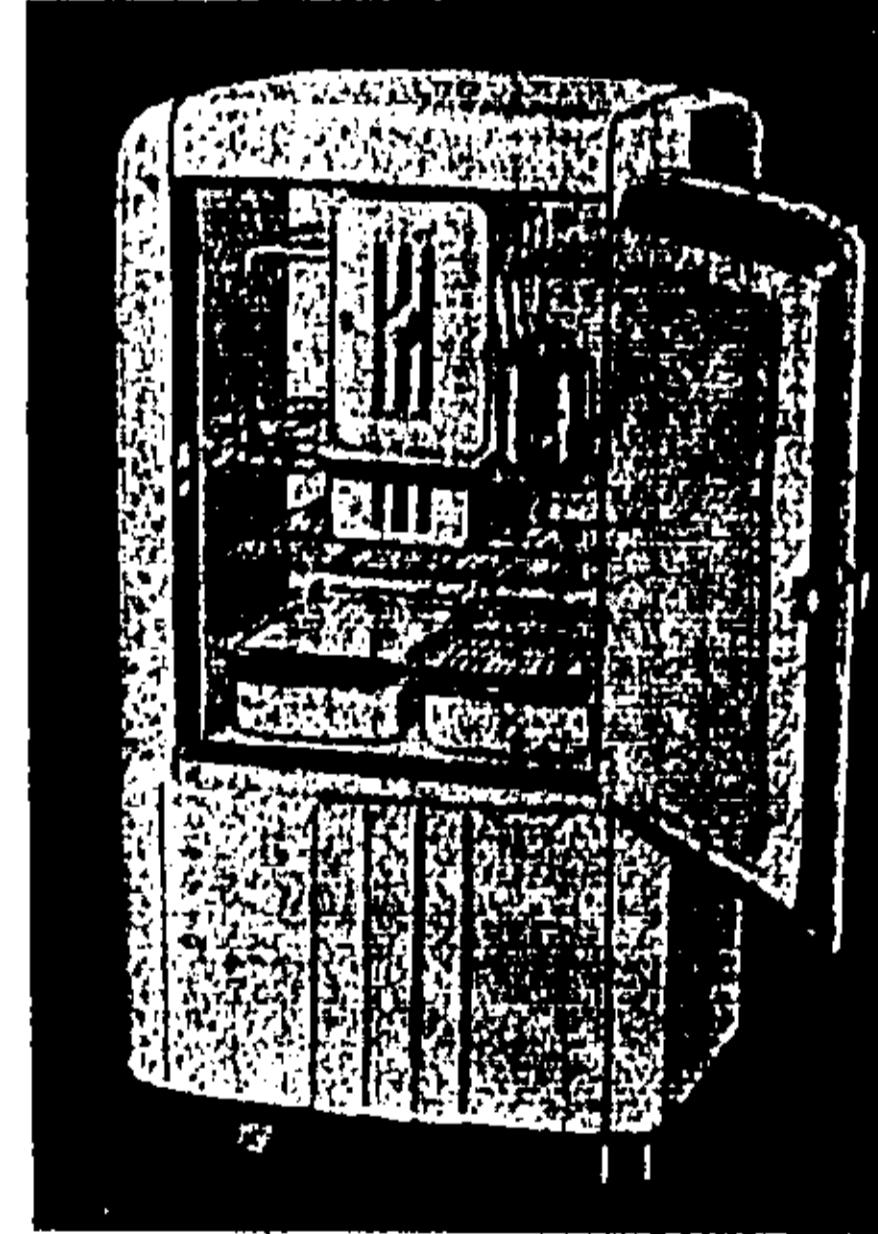
Sheriff McDairmid: "I cannot accept that plea. She was sentenced in this court in January last year to three months' imprisonment for similar frauds."

He said to Miss Campbell: "What you want is some washing. You will go to prison for six months."—Our Own Correspondent.

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Beating The Censor

Letters coming out of Germany are supposed to be strictly censored. Most of them are, but important items of news still trickle through to the outside world, the writers often using the simplest devices to fool the censor.

Here are a few typical and genuine examples:

When Hitler upset thousands of Baltic Germans by ordering them to return to the Reich, some of them invented ingenious devices to cheat the Nazi censor.

One of the repatriated Balts, for instance, extremely unhappy in his new German home, wrote to his brother in Riga, Latvia:—

"Everything is very nice here, but I suggest you postpone your departure for Germany until after Jan's wedding."

Jan, the girl referred to in this letter, was only two years old.

Another repatriated Balt tried a similar method to convey to friends at home the true state of things in Nazi Germany. He wrote:—

"We have not seen our old friend Mr. Svetas since we arrived."

Svetas is the Lettish word for butter. But the German censor did not know that.

British newspaper correspondents some time ago tried to get through to their newspapers the news that one of the Nazi leaders was seriously ill:—

"He has been visited by six Harley-street men," they wired to London. The Nazi censor, who was anxious not to let anything leak out about this illness, passed the message. He did not know enough about London to understand what "Harley-street" stands for in England.

Last year Jewish families in Germany were constantly writing to friends abroad: "My poor husband

(or son, or brother) has had to go on holiday. . . ."

It took us a long time to find out why the holiday-makers were so unhappy. In the end we realised that the "holiday" was really a spell in a concentration camp.

In one German area an ex-schoolteacher was made a Nazi censor. People who wanted to send messages abroad knew his weakness for correcting spelling mistakes in every letter which passed through his hands.

So the writers made a series of spelling mistakes in their letters and believe it or not the schoolteacher-censor concentrated so much on correcting them that he never bothered about the meaning of the messages.

Much of my news from Germany used to be written in the hand of a six or seven-year-old boy. Censors never bother to read children's letters.

There was a time when every Berlin paper carried thrilling stories about the exploits of two criminal brothers by the name of Saxe.

A week later flames shot up from the Berlin Reichstag building. The Nazis accused the Communists of firing the Reichstag. But we knew that the Nazis themselves were the real culprits. I wired to my editor in Vienna:—

"Brothers Saxe fired Reichstag."

He understood me and our paper next day carried a huge headline:

"S. A. and S. S. (Brownshirts and Black Guards) fired the Reichstag."

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Unemployment In Britain

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INADEQUATE study of Britain's published unemployment returns, which are much more exhaustive than those of any other leading power, have aroused comment in some countries which is less favourable than the true facts warrant.

The "Daily Telegraph" points out that the total of 1,300,000 unemployed includes, for example, a number, probably not far short of 250,000, who are to a greater or less degree unemployable through ill-health or other reasons and who ought not properly to be regarded as being in the labour market at all.

They include a further number, estimated by the Prime Minister in his Mansion House speech at 500,000, who form a pool of labour moving at any one time from one job or industry to another.

They include about 50,000, notably dockers, whose work is from the nature of the case casual.

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NEUTRAL DANGERS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Berlin, Yesterday. A spokesman of the German Foreign Office is reported to have stated that the Scandinavian countries are "in greater danger" at the moment than either Belgium or Holland.—Havas.

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London, Yesterday. Senior Scotland Yard officials engaged in investigating the circumstances of the great explosion at the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham Abbey, Essex, which, in addition to causing damage to property

over a wide area, resulted in five men being killed and about 30 injured, have made their preliminary reports to the authorities.

It is stated that sabotage is not suspected.—British Wireless.

HITLER HIRES NEW DOCTOR

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

AMSTERDAM, YESTERDAY.

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pointment of a permanent medical

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specialist attached as assistant to the

Berlin clinic which has been treating

Hitler.—Havas.

WALTHAM EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Washington, Yesterday.

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Opinion unanimously favours United States

extension of same aid, but apparently many

Congressmen fear a dangerous precedent

which might be invoked in future by other

countries in similar straits should credits be

extended to Finland.

Furthermore, they allege

that such aid would be a de-

finite breach of the spirit of

neutrality.

Advocates of extension of Ameri-

can aid to Finland point out that the

United States has already granted a

\$10,000,000 credit, while President

Roosevelt's "moral embargo" has

already put the American nation

openly on the side of Finland.

Several Congressional leaders sug-

gest a compromise by which Fin-

land would be permitted to receive

credits for the purchase of agricul-

tural implements, which she might

later exchange for war materials

through the Allied purchasing com-

missions in America.

Nonetheless the general feeling in

Congressional quarters is that it

will be extremely difficult to sur-

mount the objections and fears of

dissenting members.—Havas.

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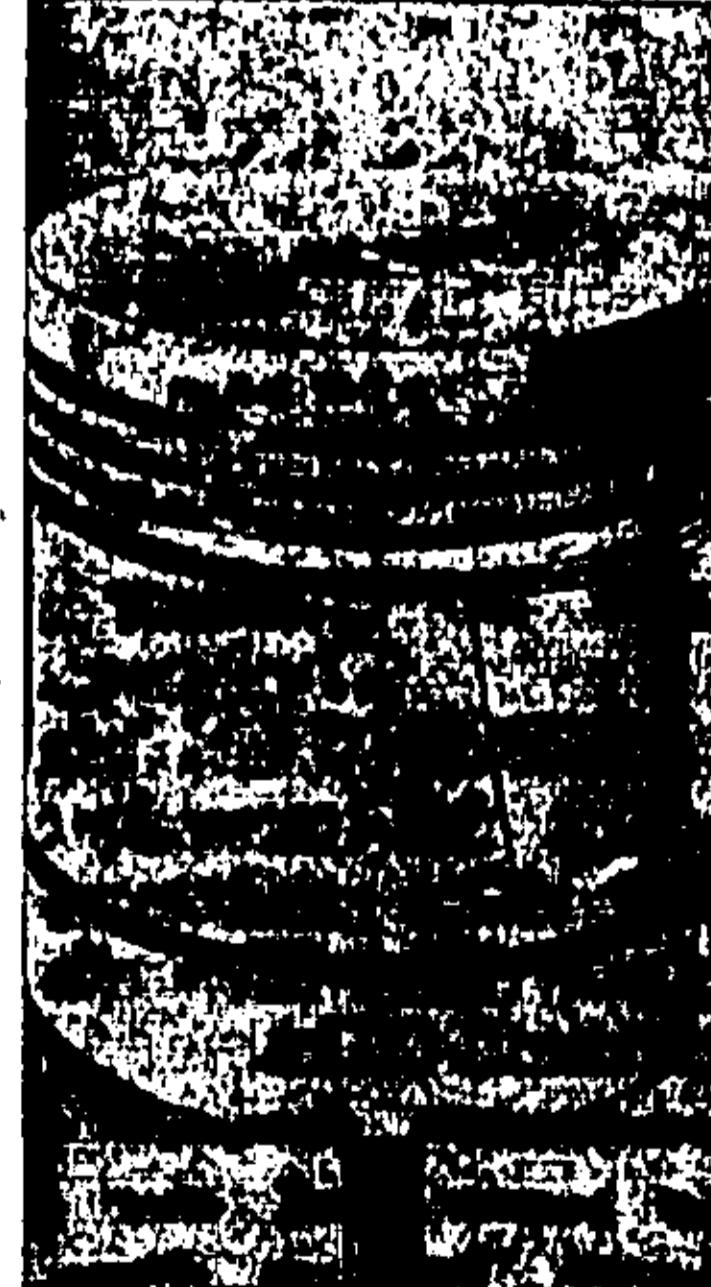
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"Y" LADIES BEATEN BY THE SAINTS ST. ANDREW'S DEFENDERS GIVE INSPIRED DISPLAY

UNDEFEATED for some considerable time, "Y" Ladies, Caer Clark Cup champions, met their "Waterloo" on the C.B.A. ground yesterday when they were defeated by St. Andrew's Ladies by 4 goals to 3 after having won the first round match by 4 goals to 1.

The Saints' defenders were in great form and were largely instrumental in securing a deserved victory. Though almost completely confined to their own half of the field in the second half they kept the "Y" forwards out by speedy tackling and hard clearances.

OTHER HOCKEY WILL BE
FOUND ON PAGE SIX.

WEAKENED INTERPORT XV BEAT ARMY 6-3

Club were unable to field their Interport fifteen against Army yesterday at Bookunpoo, Bosanquet, Cessford and Wanklyn being absent, but they gave a very promising display against an Army team who were out to win, and the final score of a try and a penalty goal (3 points) to a try (3 points) in Club's favour was a very fair result.

Army were without Artingstall, Dunphy and Cuthbertson.

Outstanding for Club were Chatter, who was not given the best of support from Thomson, and Henderson, who is improving with every game. Foley was a great success as scrum-half for Army—he is normally a forward—and Paul and Waite were excellent in defence.

Henderson was too inclined to adopt soccer tactics and should go down on the ball more often. Walker seems to have made up his mind that Henderson will be entrusted with any placed goals as he was given the only two opportunities yesterday.

SCRUM-HALF SLOW

Hutchison was weak in the centre and Van Leeuwen again refused to pass—he has become so bad in this respect that there is seldom anyone knocking him up. Thomson was slow at the base of the scrum and was often given plenty to think about by Pinkerton and Foley, the result being a hold up of the three-quarter line. Stewart had the ball no more than five times and his try was again the result of determined running rather than due to an opening. Bidwell was very subdued and his injured ankle troubled him before the close.

Godfrey again attempted the five-eighth game but he would be well advised to stay with the pack and give his fly-half and scrum-half more space to manoeuvre in. Souter will need to hook better, and the ball must come out quicker when he has gained possession.

Murphy had one good run, but he has not shown yet that he realises that he is fast. Time and again this season he has had an opening from which his speed should have given a score, but he has always been more interested in what support he was likely to have. Hook was slow off the mark and did not run straight, with the result that the centre three-quarters were always too crowded. The Army pack worked well together and Pinkerton was the only one who could be singled out as having played better than his colleagues.

FAULTY PASSING
A fairly stiffish breeze played tricks with the ball and as a result passing and handling never reached high standard and there were many fumbles in the game. Club were soon in the lead, Henderson kicking a penalty goal from 35 yards in front of the posts. Waite failed with an attempt at a dropped goal, though it was a good effort and almost immediately after Pinkerton appeared to secure a touch down right next to the post when Henderson fumbled, but a 25 was given. Half time arrived with Club leading 3-0.

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ARMY—L/Cpl. Pitton (R.E.); L/Dr. Richard (R.E.); R. T. Paul (Nav); L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.); and D/Dr. Marsh (R.E.); Capt. Hook (R.A.); and L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.A.); Cpl. Sutherland (R.E.); Pte. Coomb (R.E.); L/Dr. Evans (1st A.R.A.); Sergeant with A.R.A.; Lieut. Fincher (R.E.); Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.A.); and Cpl. Chadrake (R.E.).

LADIES' HOCKEY RESULTS

CAER CLARK CUP		
St. Andrew's L.	4	"Y" Ladies 3
BROWN CUP		
Argonauts	0	D.G.S. 0
Recreo Ladies	1	"Y" Ladies 0
"St. Andrew's L."	C.B.S.	
		* Not played.

the deft through Miss D. McCaw, who followed up and netted from a faulty clearance by Miss Hall.

SURPRISE GOAL
"Y" Ladies now exerted greater pressure, Mrs. Burnett sending in a hard drive which just passed the upright and Miss Harter being robbed when in shooting position. A Saints' breakaway then saw Miss Hall score to record her "hat-trick." This goal could have been saved, but Mrs. Harrington mishit instead of using her feet. "Y", not downhearted, kept plodding away and were rewarded when Mrs. Gardner scored.

After the interval "Y" had more of the play and Miss Hall was prominent in goal. "Y" eventually equalised through Mrs. Gardner.

The champions then went all out for the winning goal, but, though constantly on the attack, they could not get within the circle, and the winning goal was scored by Miss Hall shortly before time. Miss Harter actually scored the equaliser, but the referee awarded a free kick, apparently for "offside."

Y LADIES—Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pitton; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harter, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner and Miss Buchanan.

ST. ANDREW'S—Miss June Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. de Rosa; Miss S. West, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss, Miss H. Reid and Miss S. Roberts.

ENVIALE RECORD

The following is the "Y" Ladies' enviable record over the past four seasons:

1936-37—Unchecked.
1937-38—Lost one game.
1938-39—Drew one game.
1939-40—Lost one game and drew once.

TABLE TO DATE CAER CLARK CUP

	Goals
"Y" Ladies	8 6 1 28 7 13
St. Andrew's L.	5 3 1 14 10 7
H.K. Ladies	6 3 2 1 9 8 7
C.B.A. Ladies	5 1 3 7 13 3
C.B.S.	5 1 4 7 18 2
Recreo Ladies	5 0 3 2 4 12 2

A. H. MADAR 5 FOR 0

At Bookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club beat University by 9 wickets in the First Division of the Cricket League.

After trundling their opponents out for 50 in 75 minutes, Madar (8 for 24) taking his last five wickets for no runs, I.R.C. secured an easy victory as the result of a second wicket stand of 50. Nazarin scored his 54 out of 75 in 80 minutes and hit 10 boundaries.

UNIVERSITY

C. N. Matthews, c M. el Arculli, b Minu

K. Y. Tam, st. Ismail, b Minu

W. S. Gegg, b Minu

G. Hong Choy, v. el Arculli, b

A. H. Madar

J. Tsui, l.b.w., b A. H. Madar

K. S. Oh, c Kitchell, b A. H. Madar

Sen Gupta, c and b A. H. Madar

V. Lingam, c A. H. Madar, b Minu

N. Singh, c Minu, b A. H. Madar

R. Singh, c A. M. Rumjahn, b

A. H. Madar

S. Mahmood, not out

Extras (B1, LB2)

Total Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Minu 9.1 3 32 4

A. H. Madar 9.4 24 6

INDIAN R.C.

A. H. Rumjahn, c N. Singh, b

W. S. Gegg

K. Nazarin, c Mahmood, b R. Singh

A. R. Kitchell, c Hong Choy, b

R. Singh

S. A. Ismail, c Mahmood, b R. Singh

M. el Arculli, not out

Y. el Arculli, not out

Extras (B1)

Total (for 4 wkt.) 132

M. P. Madar, A. M. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, A. Baker and A. R. Minu

did not bat

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

W. S. Gegg 8.3 26 1

S. Mahmood 6.0 34 0

R. Singh 4.0 58 3

Hong Choy 2.1 13.0



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Barros
51 Out
Of 63

University proved no match for Recreio in their Junior League cricket match at King's Park yesterday and lost by the large margin of 134 runs.

Recreio batsmen found run-getting a simple matter and ran up the huge score of 172 for 4 dec.

Xavier batted soundly for 50 not out, including eight fours, carrying his bat throughout the innings. In partnership with Prata (23) he added 47 for the first wicket, with M. A. Remedios, (26) 56 for the second wicket.

Barros, however, played the most brilliant innings of the match, coming in with the score at 103 for 2, he hit furiously to secure no fewer than 31 of the 63 runs added for the third wicket. He reached his 50 only a few minutes after Xavier, who had been batting for over an hour before he went in! Barros hit 10 fours.

University were unable to cope with J. E. Noronha's spinners and some steady bowling by Gutierrez and A. M. Prata and were all out for 38, Tan being the only double-figure scorer.

Noronha took his last three wickets for only three runs to finish up with 5 for 21.

RECREIO 2ND XI

H. M. Xavier, not out 56
A. J. M. Prata, c Cheung, b Lim 23
M. A. Remedios, c Chin, b Fenton 28
H. A. Barros, b Chin 51
A. E. Noronha, c Cheung, b Chin 2
Extras (B6, LB1, WB2, NB1) 10

Total (for 4 wkt. dec.) 172

J. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, J. A. Soares, R. M. Silva, G. A. Gutierrez and A. M. Prata did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.
Lo 10 0 49 0
Chin 3 0 28 2
Lim 5 0 45 1
Fenton 4 0 20 1
Cheung 2 0 20 0

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI

K. Lo, c A. M. Prata, b Gutierrez 0
J. Fenton, c Gutierrez, b J. E. Noronha 4
L. H. Tan, c Gutierrez, b J. E. Noronha 14
O. V. Cheung, b Gutierrez 4
T. T. Chin, b Prata 3
L. E. Gutierrez, c Xavier, b J. E. Noronha 4
K. S. Liew, c Carvalho, b Noronha 0
Ameer Ali, b J. E. Noronha 2
M. S. Lim, c Remedios, b Prata 1
C. W. Hoo, c J. E. Noronha, b Prata 0
T. B. Yeo, not out 1
Extras (B1) 1

Total 38

ANDERSON AND E. L. GOSANO PAVE WAY FOR EXCITING K.C.C. AND RECREIO VICTORIES

BARROS HITS HIS SECOND HALF CENTURY

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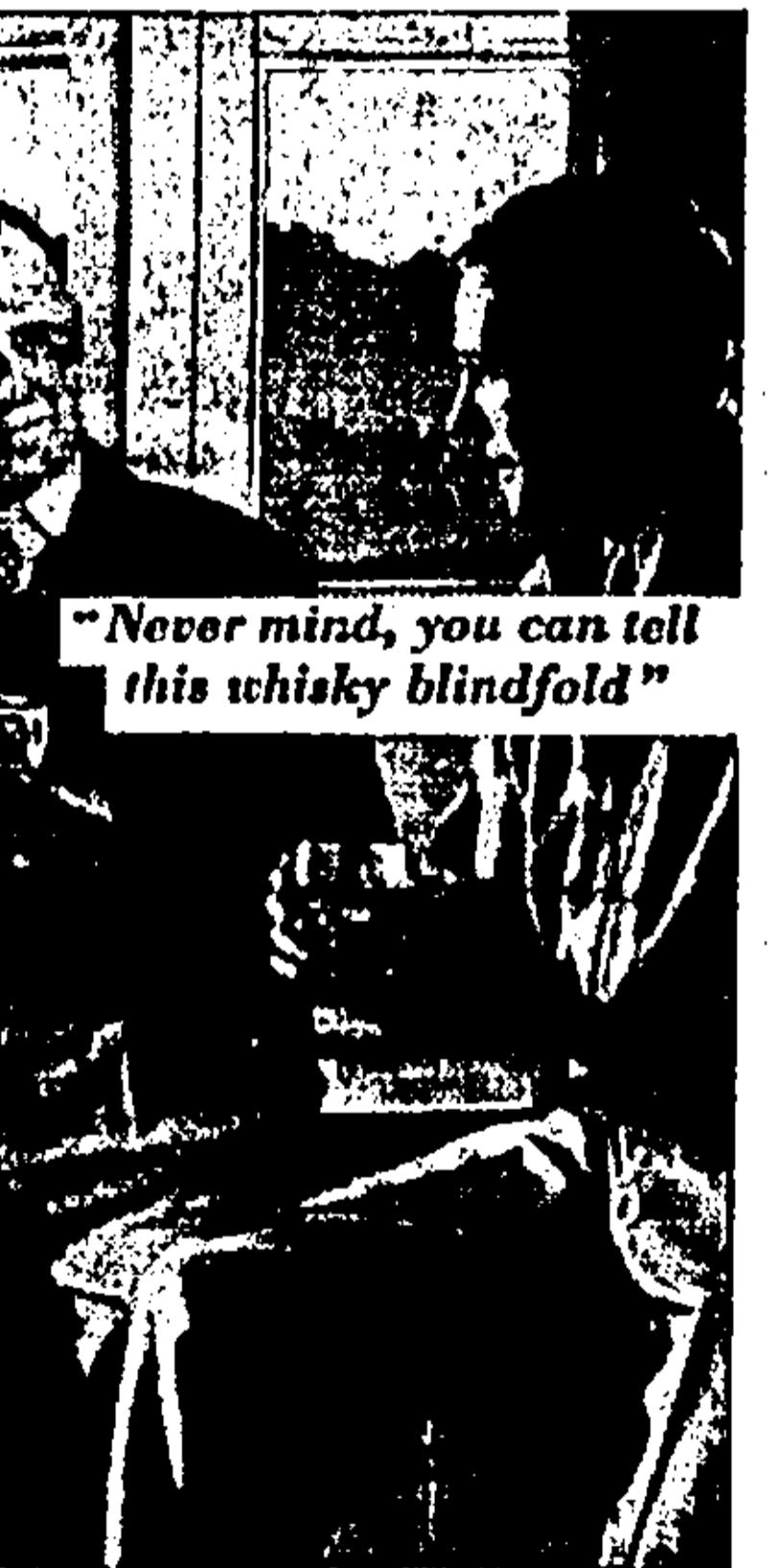
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J. E. Noronha 8 1 21 5
A. M. Prata 3 6 2 8 3

Total 38



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Champions Beat Army

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J. Gosano and E. L. Gosano added 48 for Recreio's third wicket after two wickets had fallen for 6 runs, and "E. L." went on to score 47 out of 81 before running himself out. He hit a six and six boundaries.

Army's fourth wicket, Whatman hitting six boundaries in his 50, scored out of 140, and Fargus finding the boundary on nine occasions in his 50, scored out of 88.

ARMY 2ND XI

Cpl. Webb, b E. L. Gosano 14
L/Cpl. Young, b E. L. Gosano 23
Lt. Skipworth, b Ozorio 7
Capt. Godby, c G. Gosano, b E. L. Gosano 13
Sgt. Ratcliffe, b Ozorio 1
L/Cpl. Murphy, b Ozorio, b E. L. Gosano 7
Sgt. Denyer, st. Beltrao, b E. L. Gosano 41
Sgt. Carpenter, b Petri 0
May. Petri, not out 23
Q.M.S. Green, b E. L. Gosano 0
Maj. Hatfield, c Ozorio, b G. N. Gosano 19
Extras (B4, L.B.D.) 0

Total 135

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Lewis 10 1 65 2

Ozorio 11 3 67 6

Petri 4 0 33 2

G. N. Gosano 0 0 1 1

Total (for 4 wkt. dec.) 100

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

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Pope 8 0 37 1

Dunbrowsky 4 0 28 2

Forrest 3 0 13 0

Carey 4 0 24 3

Stephens 4 0 23 2

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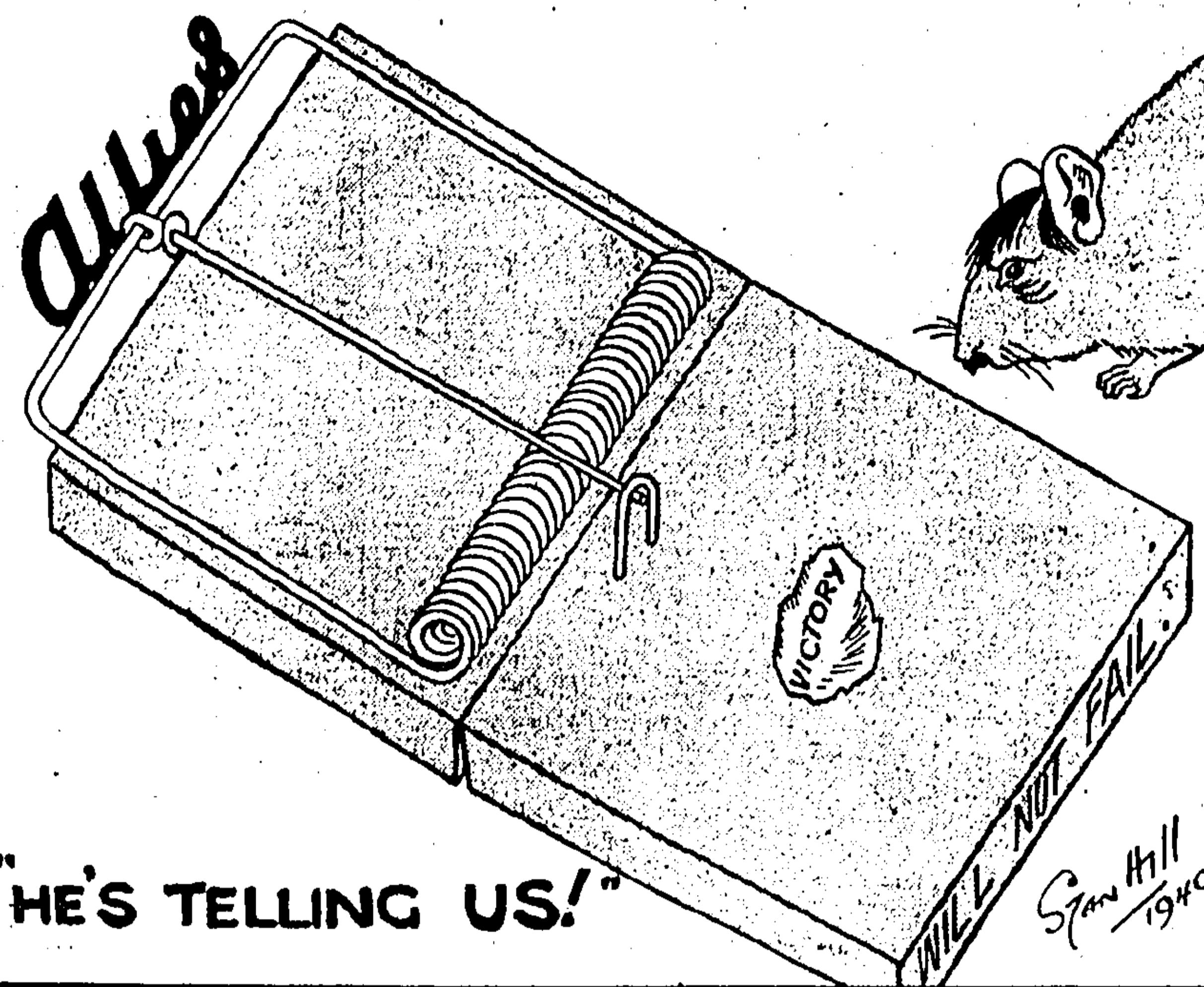
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12.15 p.m.—Stravinsky—Petroushka, London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
12.50 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Charapine (Bass).
Song of the Viking Guest ("Sadko" Rimsky-Korsukov); How Goes It Prince? ("Prince Igor"—Borodin)... with Orchestral accompaniment.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra, Tales from the Vienna Woods (film "The Great Waltz"); Strauss—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Cocur Brise (Gillet); Menuet No. 1 (Paderewski)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
There'll Come A Time (film "The Great Waltz"—Strauss); One Day When We Were Young (film "The Great Waltz"—Strauss)... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch. From Offenbach's Sample Box—Fantasia (Urbach)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
1.45 p.m.—Schubert—Duo for Piano and Violin in A Major, Op. 162, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
2.05 p.m.—Songs by Elena Gerhardi (Mezzo-Soprano).

The Fisherman; The Secret (Schubert); Fisher-Ways (Schubert)... with Piano accompaniment by Coenrad V. Bos.
2.15 p.m.—Grieg—Lyric Suite, Op. 54, London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

2.30 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

7.00 p.m.—Liszt—Concerto No. 2 in A Major and Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12.
Concerto No. 2 in A Major... Egon "Pali" (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Leslie Howard.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12... Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Hall Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida" Act 1.
Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Arnaldo Lindli (Tenor)... Rhadames, a young warrior; Trancred Pasero (Bass)... Aida; Ramses, High Priest; Maria Cucumana (Mezzo-Soprano)... Amneris, Pharaoh's daughter; Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano)... Aida; Ehiopian slave; Biocaloni (Bass)... Pharaoh.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Democracy in Sweden" by Mr. A. H. Fenwick.
9.05 p.m.—Songs by Elsie Sudaby (Soprano).

O Sleep! Why Dost Thou Leave Me? ("Semele"—Handel); Let The Bright Seraphim ("Samson"—Handel)... with Orchestral accompaniment.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Speech by Mr. Winston Churchill.
9.45 p.m.—Piano Solos.
Etude in F Minor (La Leggerenza—Liszt); Studio En Forme (De Valse (Saint-Saens)... Alfred Cortot.
Romance in F Sharp Major, Op. 28, No. 2 (Schumann); Rhapsody in G Minor, Op. 79, No. 2 (Brahms)... Arthur Rubinstein.
10.02 p.m.—Handel—"Alcina" Suite. Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Willem Mengelberg.
10.15 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue. Subject: "Redemption"—3: There stood by the Cross of Jesus His Mother. Conducted by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
10.35 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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SAINTS LOSE SHIELD GAME BY ODD GOAL

CLUB UNFORTUNATE TO HAVE TO SHARE 4 GOALS

CLUB displayed great improvement when they encountered Kwong Wah in First Division of the League on the Club ground, and the latter were fortunate to share four goals.

Kwong Wah, fielding a strong team, settled within the first two minutes, and during the early stages of the game play was very much in their favour. The forwards were particularly good, showing fine understanding and good combination in attack. Wong King-cheung and Lau Wing-kui were the instigators of many fine movements, distributing the ball with skill to the best advantage. Tin Yung-fat did not show up well and was the weak link in what would have otherwise formed a very formidable quintette. In the latter half he miskicked frequently, while his passes from the wings to the inside men left much to be desired.

FINE CENTRE-HALF

Young Tae-tong, in the pivotal position, was very conspicuous throughout, and the halves gave their full support to the forward line, clearing the ball with marked ability to the wings to provide ample opportunities for the latter to take the ball well upfield before centering.

The backs, Lo Shu-kar and Chung Fai-lam, did not produce their best form until the latter half, when they were heavily taxed by the repeated Club raids. Throughout the latter half they proved their worth and but for them Club would undoubtedly have emerged comparatively easy victors.

Club played a strenuous game after the first 15 minutes, and had very bad luck in not being able to score. The forward line was outstanding and showed fine method in their speedy attacks, taking the ball up to the penalty area with sound combination play. Their falling, however, lay in the fact they lost control of the ball when in the penalty area. Their kicking in front of goal was erratic despite the fact there was plenty of time to steady the ball and consequently many opportunities were thrown away.

FOWLER OUT OF POSITION

The wings, Dickford and Grattan, kept Fowler well occupied with fine centres, but the latter was not always in position to receive them. Forward, the centre-half, played very poorly throughout, whilst the wing-halves, Skinner and Millington, did not produce any noteworthy play until the latter half.

Edwards and Strange did well as full-backs, although Strange was rather slow off the mark. Odell, the custodian, made a number of fine saves before the interval and was not called on to perform to any great extent in the second half.

Wong King-cheung sent in a grand drive from an acute angle to score the first goal within two minutes of the kick-off, and Kwong Wah added a second when, following a fine movement on the right-wing between Lau Fook-chuen and Lau Wing-kui, the former flashed in a long range shot which only just managed to get into the net, missing the right upright by a matter of inches. After this goal Kwong Wah appeared to go completely off form, and Club enjoyed the majority of the exchanges, only poor shooting by the inside men preventing them from scoring on a number of occasions. Just before the interval, however, Fowler netted a good close range shot after receiving from Strange.

Club improved immensely in the latter half, and were virtually all over Kwong Wah, doing everything but score. Ten minutes before the close Club were awarded a penalty against their opponents, due to Fowler being fouled inside the penalty area, and Fowler scored the equalizer.

LAWTON MISSED

8th Heavy Regiment accounted for 5th A.A. Regiment by three clear goals.

The losers played 10 men throughout, Lawton failing to put in an appearance, and, although badly outplayed for the majority of the game, only the grand 'keeping of Purdie prevented them from registering at least two goals. The Heavies were the better team and played together, their half-backs keeping up with the forwards in splendid manner.

The winners were well served by a very sound defence in which Wong Kit-hing was outstanding. Burnside, centre-half, was not as impressive as usual and Wooldridge had to do the majority of his work. Cross worked hard in the forward line but his inside men were invariably not in position.

Pereira Declines

J. Pereira, of St. Joseph's, has been forced to decline the invitation of Hong Kong Football Association to go North as a reserve in the International team against Shanghai.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

SENIOR SHIELD

South China "B" 3 St. Joseph's 2 Chan Tak-fai 3.

CHAN TAK-FAI PROVES DEADLY IN HIS SHOOTING FOR SOUTH CHINA "B": LUK IMPRESSES

JUNIOR SHIELD 1ST ROUND

REPLAY

South China "B" 7 Electric 2 Chan Wan-sang 3, Gardner, Sabahn, Hui Fok-yuen 2, Chang Cheng-yul 1, Kowloon 1 24th Hwy. Bty. 0 Jorge.

JUNIOR SHIELD 2ND ROUND

Eastern 1 R. Engineers 7 Fung Kwan-ling.

FIRST DIVISION

Police 2 Kowloon 1 Santos.

Navy 0 Eastern 3 Hui Ching-to, Fung Kwan-shing, Cheung Kam-hol.

Club 2 Kwong Wah 2 Wong King-cheung, Lau Fook-chuen.

SECOND DIVISION "A"

R.A.O.C. 1 30th Hwy. Bty. 4 Harding.

6th A.A. Regt. 0 8th Hwy. Regt. 3 Dockard, Wooldridge, Owens.

SECOND DIVISION "B"

*University v Signals

THIRD DIVISION

International 2 Kumson Rifles 1 Sprinkle, Leonard.

R.A.M.C. 0 6th A.A. Regt. 0 Postponed.

TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

Goals P W D L F A Pts

8. China "A" 13 11 1 45 15 23

Eastern 13 8 2 33 20 18

Middlesex 11 6 3 38 22 13

Kowloon 11 6 1 23 24 13

8. China "B" 11 4 3 27 27 11

Kwong Wah 12 5 1 6 27 30 11

Police 14 3 5 6 22 32 11

Royal Scots 12 3 4 5 20 24 10

Royal Navy 13 4 1 8 20 41 9

St. Joseph's 11 3 2 6 21 33 8

Club 12 3 1 9 20 37 7

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Goals P W D L F A Pts

Eastern 14 9 3 2 31 18 21

South China "B" 12 9 2 1 38 14 20

30th Hwy. Bty. 13 10 0 3 37 14 20

8th H. Regt. 12 6 2 4 31 23 14

R.A.O.C. 12 3 3 6 23 35 9

6th A.A. Regt. 13 3 0 10 18 33 4

Kit Chee 13 2 2 9 23 42 6

Club 12 3 1 9 14 37 4

THIRD DIVISION

Goals P W D L F A Pts

24th Hwy. Bty. 14 9 3 4 33 26 20

International 13 7 5 1 32 20 19

R.A.B.C. 14 8 3 3 47 19 19

Royal Scots 13 8 2 3 38 19 18

South China "A" 13 7 3 3 37 18 17

12th Hwy. Bty. 14 7 2 5 32 50 16

R.E. 14 4 3 3 33 41 11

R.A.M.C. 15 5 1 9 27 47 11

Electric 10 3 2 5 26 36 8

Signals 14 4 3 0 10 20 40 8

Kumson Rifles 12 2 3 7 27 34 7

6th A.A. Regt. 14 1 4 9 10 38 6

Penalty Missed In Last Two Minutes!

CHAN TAK-FAI PROVES DEADLY IN HIS SHOOTING FOR SOUTH CHINA "B": LUK IMPRESSES

SAMMY TSANG BACK BETWEEN THE STICKS

After a very closely contested match South China "B" defeated St. Joseph's in the First Round of the Senior Shield competition at Caroline Hill yesterday by the narrow margin of 3 goals to 2. The failure of St. Joseph's to convert a penalty kick in the final minutes of the game cost them a drawn game.

St. Joseph's made several changes in their team. Sammy Tsang was back again between the sticks, having recovered from his head injury, and C. Remedios played at right-half, Hussain taking the pivot position. D. Leonard was in the inside-left berth with A. Alves on the left-wing.

These changes caused a distinct improvement, though this was not so noticeable until the second half, when Saints tried desperately hard to equalise. Sammy Tsang showed sound form in goal, and C. Marques and L. Woo again gave a fine display in the full-back line, clearing the ball.

Hussain was very slow in the pivot position and was inclined to be uncertain and hesitant. Remedios and Hussain held their own well, the latter especially giving a fine display.

The forwards did not take every advantage that was offered them in the first half their passing was inclined to be wild, though their play improved considerably in the second half. A. V. Gosano still holds his own in the centre-forward berth and is clearly at home in any position. In the second half D. Leonard played a good football and peppered the Chinese goal with shots when he changed places with "A.V." B. Gosano was very subdued, Costillo was good on the right-wing and Alves showed up well on the left-wing.

LUC MAKING HIS MARK

For South China "B" Cheung Wing-chol was safe in goal and was seldom deceived. Hui Yung-sang and Yuen Shei gave their usual good display in the full-back line and received valuable support from the halves. Lam Tak-po was not especially good in the pivot position,

It was noticed after half-time that Leonard had taken "A.V.'s" place in the centre-forward berth, the latter going to inside-left. Leonard showed his ability after five minutes' play by again equalising for the Saints, with a powerful first-dimer from just inside the penalty area following a centre by B. Gosano. Fifteen minutes later Chan again took the lead when Lee Shek-yau passed across to Yam Chan-kuo, who centred for Chan to net from five yards out.

Two minutes before the end Leonard was fouled by Lam Tak-po in the penalty area and the referee awarded a penalty to the Saints. B. Gosano took the kick but failed to convert, the ball going several feet over the cross-bar.

Lau In Macao

Lau Hing-chol, South China "A" right-half, is at present working in Macao and will probably represent Macao against Hong Kong in the forthcoming Interport.

The game scheduled to have taken place on St. Valentine's Day yesterday between Royal Scots and Royal Engineers was postponed, two matches having been arranged for the same ground.

POINT FOR 5TH A.A.

The lowly 5th A.A. Regiment secured a point when they played a goalless draw against R.A.M.C. at the Valley. R.A.M.C. were the better side, but were slow to make the most of good scoring opportunities.

Medics were well served by Leverington in defence, whilst Garde played a hard game in the intermediate line. Parker was the only forward to impress.

For Gunners, Hole and Todd were outstanding, being always in position, while their clearances were well-judged. Roberts played a very sound game at wing-half, whilst the forwards were a very impressive quintette. Brown being a constant source of danger and needing close attention. He was well supported by two lively wingers in Flinders and Hulph.

Ordnance were very poor, only Rides, centre-half, accomplishing anything of note. Jones worked hard in the defence, but was overwhelmed. The forwards rarely entered their opponents' half. Poor positional play handicapped and held them.

For Kowloon, Lapsley, between the sticks, played a steady game, receiving excellent support from the full-backs, Humphrey and Gordon-Jones. Hardwick and Coppage

ORDNANCE DEFEATED

were a good account of themselves in the full-back line but Kowloon's weakness lay in their forwards, none of whom played up to form.

Gunners gave one of their poorest displays of the season in spite of a promising start. Minshall was safe in goal, while the full-backs, Hodgeson and Taylor, were often in the limelight. The half-back line consisting of Bullen, Twidle, and Benyon, was the strongest link in the Gunners' side. Bullen in particular doing great work. Like their opponents none of the forwards impressed, the tendency being to take the ball into the net instead of shooting. Greig, on the left flank, was a clever individualist but it yielded him nothing.

Eastern did not play at all well. The forwards tried very hard, but they were up against a much superior team, against which they could make little impression. The halves were rather inclined towards individualism and could have given more support to the forwards. The backs were very poor.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

The main attraction in the football programme is the second game in the Kowloon Cup competition at Sookpoo at 4 p.m., between South China, holders, and Royal Navy, who were badly beaten last Thursday by Army.

Navy will probably be represented by the same team which played Eastern yesterday, while South China will include several "B" team players in their side, among whom are Hui Yung-sang, back; Kwok Ying-kei, right-half, and Lee Shek-yau, forward.

The following is to-day's programme:-

KOWLOON CUP COMPETITION

South China v Navy

(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Referee:-Minham.

THIRD DIVISION

24th R.A. v 12th R.A.

(Sookpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Police v Signals

(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:-Horlock.

EASTERN TOO GOOD FOR NAVY

Three goals to nil in favour of Eastern was the final score when they met Navy at Causeway Bay in the First Division, but the score does not truly indicate the run of the play, Navy being distinctly unfortunate not to score at least a couple of goals, although Eastern were undoubtedly the better side.

During the first half, Navy did quite enough to deserve to be on equal terms with their opponents, only bad luck preventing them from scoring the goal that would have been the equaliser.

Eastern brought back Taul Ah-fai to the centre-forward position, but he had little chance to shine as Hazzard watched him far too carefully. Lee Tuck-kei, usual Eastern centre-forward, was transferred to the right-back position and proved to be a much better defender than in his old position. Cheung Kam-hol played very clever football at inside-right and was a constant source of worry to the Navy defenders, who were often left sprawling. The half-back line were all very sound, Hsu King-shing being outstanding.

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But alas! I must dash your naturally pleasant anticipations of a liaison. This was a prosaic, unmarried romance. The kisses merely a young games master at a public school; a housemaster's daughter, the classmate. The menace within the study across the lawn was only Father, who was sitting correcting Latin exercises. A lame Victorian theme.

Mr. Panting (Father)—and what a name, by Aristophanes for a public school housemaster to be cursed with; it asked for lampoonery and got it! sat slushing with a blue pencil at the Latin exercises and snorting his disagreement with many of the views expressed.

Mrs. Panting—a woman of walnut—with on a neighbouring sofa, with knitting needles in both hands and her mouth. Miss Panting was officially exercising the dog. From the boywing of the massive house the Babb of day had given place to a distant studious hum of eventide.

"Martin Dicksee," said Miss Panting, releasing herself from the embrace and astutely informing the reader of the games master's name, "I love you. Till you come no one in this mouldy place has had the sense to see a perfectly good flirtation sitting up and pinning to be got on with. That'll have to be all for to-night, but come again to-morrow."

She had received the name Flimsey not from the font, but from the Lower Common Room. In like manner her mother was known, and had for two generations been known, even among masters, as "Flannel." In course of time nicknames at public schools cease to be a matter of levity and become one of tradition.

You might hear two completely sedate and humourless old masters at Chappleby in conversation as fol-

lows: "Call in and have a chat after dinner to-night. I should like to exchange some further opinion with you on the circumstances in which the side PQ will generate the curved surface of a conical frustum." "Many thanks, but I have a previous engagement to dine with Flannel Panting."

Young Mr. Martin Dicksee, a great-limbed, blue-eyed, rough-haired games expert, reassured Flimsey that in his case this was no mere passing flirtation, which statement he illustrated by crushing such portions of the young lady as may legitimately be crushed at this stage of the proceedings.

At which she, a sparkling little vixen with mischievous dark eyes and a boyish shingle, said, "I simply must go in," and resumed a semi-recumbent attitude in the summer-house.

Unfortunately the fool of a dog strolled back alone through the French window into the study. Mr. Panting was busy slashing the exercises with his blue pencil. "Ho! ho! Inquit—'quoth he.' Did he, indeed?

This little beast uses a 'crib.' Splash!

Mr. Panting protruded her maternal proboscis. "Where's Diana?" she inquired of the dog, who made no reply.

"This Master Noble," said Panting, waving a besmirched page of mischievous ink-work, "is the most beastly little ignoramus in the whole of my experience. If I remember rightly, he's the boy you dislike most heartily in the house, isn't he?"

"I suspect him of being the boy who made me look a fool at the sports," replied Flannel Panting. "You remember on sports day last year?"

"No."

"Yes, you do. I was standing talking to the Headmaster and his wife and a shower of rain came on, and I opened my umbrella and a banana fell out. I believe Noble was the boy."

"H'm. The little brute will spend next Saturday in extra school, anyhow," said Panting, scoring a huge blue, triumphant "Extra School" over Noble's paper. "What was that you said about Diana?"

"She hasn't come in, that's all. I don't know why not."

Panting cocked his head like a bird in sight of food. He peered out at the lawn for a moment, then rose to his feet. "I wonder," he said and exhaled.

In the summer-house there was some guilty hasty unlocking of limbs, but they were utterly too late with it to deceive Panting. He stood at the entrance to the summer-house and behaved exactly as in the Middle Fourth. That is to say, he instinctively hitched with his hands at a gown that wasn't there and made the sound of ten-tasters.

Flimsey remained blandly seated, and remarked rather flippantly, "Hello, Pop." The summer-house had presumably been made to fit Panting, whose bald head came just about to the level of Martin Dicksee's chest bone. So Martin stood tending a severe bump on his cranium and looking as foolish as only a big man can.

Panting addressed his daughter.

"Go in and sit with your mother."

"Is that intended to be a punishment?"

"Do what you're told."

"No. You're going to send me in and stay here and tick off Mr. Dicksee. I won't have that. I asked him in here. It's my fault. If it is a fault."

"I'm not going to waste words over him," said Panting. He drew himself up at Martin with fresh and elaborate tea-polis. "Ever I catch you within the precincts of my house or grounds again, I shall go straight to the Head and get you removed."

The rubbing, helpless, great nice boy began to burble his formalities.

"Mr. Panting, it's all quite all right—you know what I mean—honourable and all that sort of thing. I'm honestly frightfully gone on Film—your daughter, and I— and I wish to—wish to be allowed to—to—you know—sort of—"

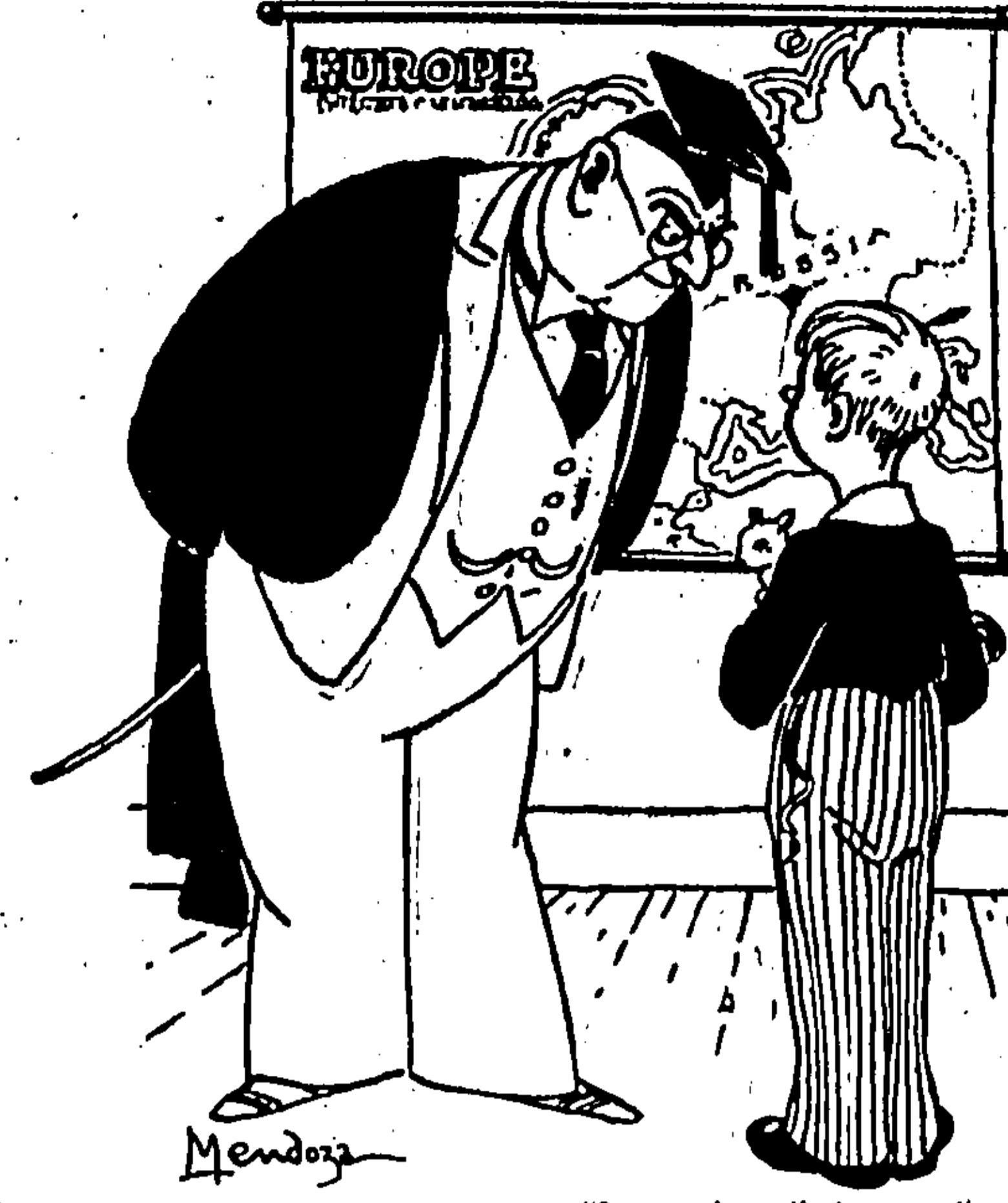
"Silence, confound you, young man, and get out of my summer-house. You! You're not a master at all—a games creature. A hulking, great, useless huck-about know-nothing! Get out of my sight. And don't come into it again."

"Cheerio, Martin. I'm on any time," said Flimsey.

She was borne into the study, was impudent to Flannel, and went rudely and door-slammimgly to bed. Panting returned, positively sweating with wrath, to his table and falteringly sabred exercises with his blue pencil.

For years until Panting had ruled the Middle Fourth. A thankless task. Occasionally a promising new boy arrived and sprouted through into the Upper Fourth in a single term.

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"I wonder that even the dog fancies it," said Emily.

"Well, look here. I'm going up the hill again. I'll get the dog away and you can release the squirrel. I only want to get rid of it."

"Not me, sir. I should 'ate to touch it," said Emily. She then retreated to the kitchen and deliberated over a tin of disinfectant. Martin went his way. Fugg's dog definitely refused to accompany him. But no sooner had Martin repassed Panting's than down from his bough slid the sniper, Notcutt Minor. A minute afterwards he was on Martin's doorstep.

With foresight rarely applied to his scholastic duties Notcutt Minor grasped Fugg's dog with both hands when Emily came to the door. Notcutt Minor was small, pink and cherubic. Devilish, those small, cherubic boys—the worst devils of the lot.

"Good morning," said Notcutt Minor. "I say. Didn't Mr. Dicksee bring a certain squirrel here just now?"

"Why?"
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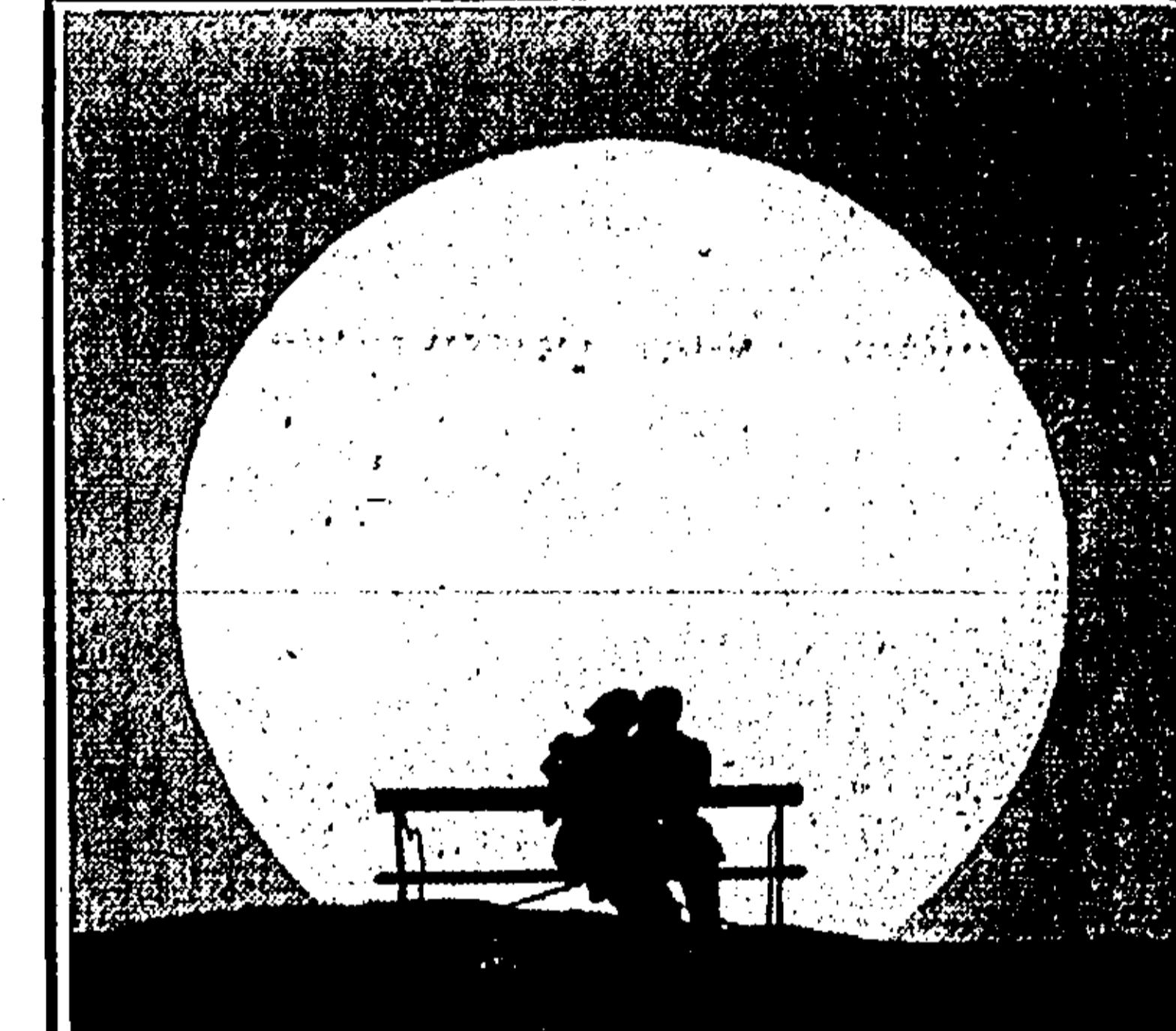
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"Does he frightenedly want it?"
"No, he don't," said Emily. "And no more don't I!"
"Good egg!" said Notcutt Minor. "I buy, I'll take it if you like."

Admirable solution. After all, Mr. Dicksee had told her to get rid of it. Emily agreed. "Good egg," said Notcutt Minor. "Only, would you keep Fugg's dog here for the present while I make good my escape?"

Presently, Noble, rounding the angle of Panting's on his return from morning school, was accosted by Notcutt Minor, whose snub nose appeared at the open window of the sick-room. The following dialogue ensued:

"Noble! I say, I've got your squirrel!"

"What? You don't mean to say it had the sense to home?"

"Home?"

"Yes, you fool. To home—like a homing pigeon."

"No, I went and got it off Dicksee's skivvy."

"Well, hand it over, then."

"All very well. I had the devil of a job to get it off the skivvy. She said Dicksee prised it above a pearl of great price."

"Where is it? Come on."

"How much will you give me for it?"

"Nothing. I haven't any out, anyhow. I might give you a pot of plum jam for it."

"Nothing in jam. I might take a jar of potted meat. Or a large tin of sardines. But not in tomato."

"Well, come down here and I'll show you what I've got. Come complete with squirrel."

Notcutt Minor descended. "This is what I've got," cried Noble and bashedly attacked him. "Come on. Where's the squirrel?"

"In my bags' pocket. Let go, you swine," replied Notcutt Minor.

Noble found the squirrel. It bit him beautifully. He withdrew his hand. The squirrel shot into the ivy on the house wall and set forth on a lightning tour in the direction of the private wing.

Having arrived at a commodious niche in the ivy of the private wing, the squirrel remained for several hours, quivering in bewildered retrospect. To be released from the black odours of the boot box only to be leapt and gnashed at by Fugg's dog; to be rescued from Fugg's dog only to endure the stuffy damnation of the bags' pocket—so this was what it meant to be a squirrel. Probably it mistook the ivy niche for some Paradise of animal bliss following a brief and sticky Gehenna of existence.

At four o'clock in the hot June afternoon Mrs. Panting repaired to her bedroom to change her frock before taking tea with the Headmaster's wife. Flimsy was already neatly arrayed for the occasion, and was waiting below. Panting, his classroom labours o'er, was in his dressing-room, removing a collar limp with the exuberance of the afternoon's hate. Collarless, he rushed into his wife's presence, summoned by screams of that shrill nature which, for some reason, always seem particularly piercing when uttered by a female in deshabille.

"My goodness! Robert! Robert! Archibald! Kill it or something!"

"What is it? My love! Tell me, for heaven's sake, what?"

"I don't know. Queek. Don't talk. Kill it. Something horrible, like a monkey. Urgeeh! It sprang from behind the bed. It's on top of the wardrobe. It's one of the boys."

"One of the boys?"

"One of the boys is responsible. Don't argue. Do something. Quick! Get up on the wardrobe and kill it."

"Control yourself, will you? Keep calm. How can I possibly get on top of the wardrobe and kill a monkey?"

But he mounted a chair and made a distant, unadventurous survey. "Ahuh!" he exclaimed. "So that's it, is it? Oho. Yes. I think I see."

"Don't keep on like that," said Flimsy. Panting, jaundiced with fright and clutching still her disarranged garments around her as though fearing that her matronly torso might be observed by the monkey. "What do you see? What is it? Do something."

"It's a squirrel. It belongs to your favourite, Noble. I told him to get rid of it and this is his idea of a joke, I suppose—to put it in your bedroom. I'll have him flogged, if not expelled. I'll write to his father myself."

"Well, take the beast away from here first. You needn't think I'm going to share my bedroom indefinitely with squirrels."

Flimsy, who had been attracted, it is to be feared, by the sounds of her mother in distress, here appeared to the rescue, and by means of persuasive noises, such as are always associated with the blandishments applied to beasts and infants, aided further by an open parasol belonging to Flimsy, which suffered severely in the good cause, managed to secure the squirrel.

"Funny thing," she said. "This seems to be a very good year for squirrels. This is the second I've seen to-day."

"If you mean there are a lot of them about, it's a bad year for them," said her mother, proceeding heatedly with her toilet.

"Give it to me," said Panting.

Flimsy hopped over the squirrel, which tasted Panting and declined any further sustenance from that source.

Half an hour later the housemaster received Mr. Noble in his study. Panting had worked himself into a condition of surfeit fury which gave even that redhead to blench. So may Judge Jeffreys have intimidated a cowering victim in ruthless, seething rage, without waiting to worry about the details of the accusation.

But Noble did not cower. When Panting managed to convey some idea of what this was all about, the accused met the charge with an expression of bland sympathy.

"But, sir, dash it all—I'm sorry, sir, but really, sir—I didn't put a squirrel in Fla—in Mrs. Panting's bedroom, sir. I don't even know which is her bedroom, sir. How should I?"

"Silence. Come on, speak up. You dare to deny that you brought the squirrel back to the house when I told you to let it loose?"

"I gave it to Mr. Dicksee, sir."

"What?"

"Yes, sir. I met him and he took it."

Even in the midst of his wrath Panting checked himself. His eyes and mouth visibly widened. He visualised the games master, smarting beneath last night's castration and planning this ribald vengeance. Diana had no doubt co-operated. Panting swung round at Noble, terribly tea-tasting.

"Did you tell Mr. Dicksee that it was I who had taken a dislike to this squirrel and ordered you to throw it away?"

"Yes, sir."

"Ah!"

"I beg pardon, sir?"

"Go away. You needn't think that because I'm sending you away unpunished at present that I don't think you are a blot on the house. Get out of my study, will you?" Noble, for once, obeyed without hesitation.

Panting and Flimsy had already gone ahead to their tea-party. Panting now followed them. On his way across the cricket field he observed Martin at the nets. He was bathed in enthusiastic perspiration and putting down some pretty testing stuff to Johnson, one of the opening Fleet Eleven pair.

This he followed up with instructions couched in language which Panting considered grossly out of tree. It was still there when, keeping to a boy. "Jobbers, don't flourish at your cuts. Come down the ball or leave it alone. tree and examined the contents of a dishevelled paper bag. The squirrel, prying cautiously, discerned peanuts. Then the boy suddenly turned his head and peered afoot. The head was a red head. The squirrel took but one fleeting glance at it and accented like a streak of light into the topmost branches.

By Ben Travers

Flimsy quite liked the Head. He was one of those young, recently appointed heads of public schools who are, at least, still human. In fact, had it not been for a languid and rather precious wife, the Head might have preceeded Martin in the slitting field.

In her airy and airy drawing-room, thrown open to the afternoon zephyrs, the precious wife served tea to Flannel and the Head hovered with a cake-stand about Flimsy. Suddenly a domestic, infectiously flushed, announced that Mr. Panting desired immediate audience in the study.

"Oh, but how sweet of him to call," said the Head's wife. "He must not worry about schooly things on such a rapturous afternoon. Bring him in to tea, Blue Boy, dear."

"He's rattled to the quick about some boy putting a squirrel in mother's bedroom," said Flimsy. "I wouldn't have him in here. He'd only slop his tea."

"Diana!" said Flannel. "I'd better see him," said Blue Boy, and departed to the study.

"Father gets so volcanic," said Flimsy. "Surely he could call and get a boy swished at some reasonable hour."

"It's a very good thing that some one upholds the discipline of the school," said her mother.

"Oh, the boys don't mind being swished," said Flimsy. "They pick the bits of birch out of themselves and sell them as souvenirs. One boy, who got it very hot for cheating in exams last term, made one and eightpence-halfpenny."

A few minutes later the flushed maid was summoned by the study maid. In the study Mr. Panting occupied the hearthrug, his face being now of a ripe beetroot shade. The Head looked serious, thanks to a severe effort.

"When Mr. Dicksee calls," he told the maid, "show him straight in here."

Scarcely had the maid closed the study door when the front door bell rang. Out side stood a grey, dapper gentleman with a bowler hat perched at an angle and a broad check suit.

"Headmaster in?" he inquired.

"Tell him Sir Perks Dicksee."

The maid was no stickler for titles. She shot the visitor into the study and reckoned her duty done.

"You the Head?" cried Sir Perks Dicksee heartily, addressing Panting.

"How are you? I'm Sir Perks Dicksee. Popped along to see my nephew. How do you?"

"Sir Perks Dicksee?" exclaimed Panting. What the mill—the—ah—financier? Good heavens, I'd no idea young Mr. Dicksee was your nephew."

"My only one. Heir. Insisted on coming here. Teaching games. Well, why not? Dashed good idea."

"We were just discussing your nephew," said the Head. "I fancy he'll be along here in a minute. If you'll wait. Let me take you to the drawing-room. I should like you to meet my wife. She'll give you some tea."

"Yer wife, certainly pleasure. Tea? No, thank you. Muck," said Sir Perks.

"Just one moment, Mr. Panting, and I'll have another word with you," said the Head, and removed Sir Perks.

"I think," he continued, slipping back into the study later, "that we'd better dismiss the idea that young Dicksee put the squirrel in your wife's room."

Panting blew his nose, but made no further comment.

"Moreover," said the Head, "I must say, Mr. Panting, that you appear to have been a trifle hasty in objecting to his attentions to your daughter. The heir to a baronetcy and a fortune—"

"I never knew that," said Panting, indignantly. "Why wasn't I told?"

Flimsy, in her outspoken way, put the same question to Martin as she accompanied uncle and nephew down Chappleby Hill half an hour later. "Fancy you being the nephew of the man who won the Derby last year. And never telling me. Why didn't you, you come?"

"Whenever I've been with you," said Martin, "there's always been something much more important to think of than Uncle."

"I leave you here," said Flimsy, outside Panting's. "But come and see me after dinner—in the summer-house."

"Well?" said Martin, as Flimsy went her nimble, hand-kissing way.

"Am I a good judge?"

Sir Perks adjusted an eyeglass.

"Full marks," he replied. "Fine felly."

"Coming back to my rooms, Uncle?"

"No. I'm off."

"I've got some whisky there."

"Well, don't moon about. Where are yer rooms?"

The squirrel, on being released by Panting, had passed the remainder of the afternoon in a neighbouring tree. It was still there when, between the evening meal and prep, a boy seated himself at the foot of the tree and examined the contents of a dishevelled paper bag. The squirrel, prying cautiously, discerned peanuts.

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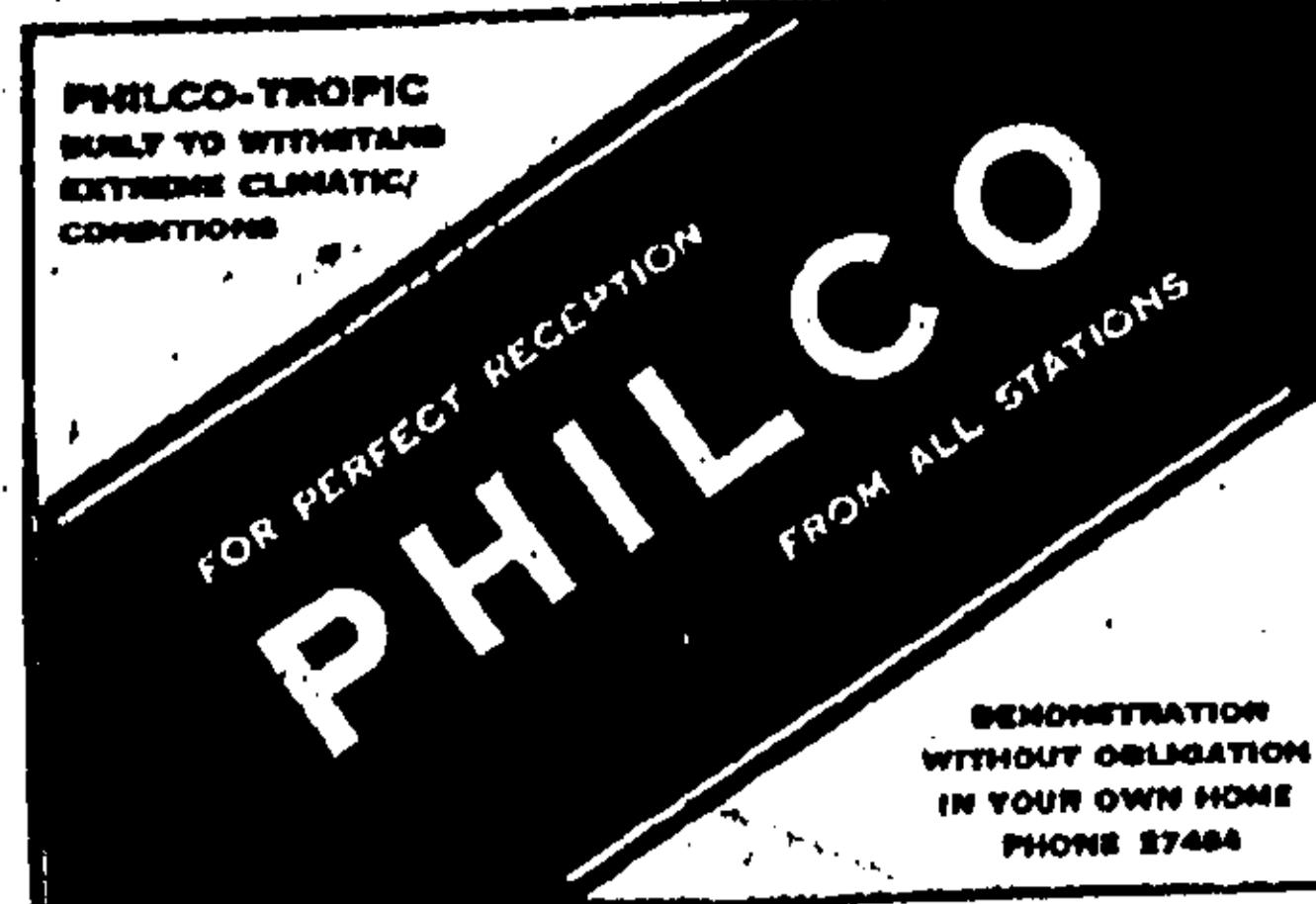
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UNDER NO ILLUSIONS

Lord Halifax On Britain's Task In War STIRRING SPEECH AT LEEDS

Leeds, Yesterday:
"We are under no illusion about the war. We know how great are the issues—the liberty and independence of our own country and the Commonwealth and of all European states," said Lord Halifax, in a speech at Leeds to-day.

"Neither are we under-rating the strength of our enemy or the sternness of the struggle upon which we are engaged," he continued. "We realise that to secure the victory in that struggle we require all the energy and all the resolution that we can command.

"There is, isn't there, a profound difference between a Dictator and a democracy in this business of war. A dictator enjoys great initial advantages. His preparations and policy can be made in complete secrecy. The people have no part in that policy; they don't know what it is. They cannot place themselves in opposition to it, and, therefore, all actions of a Dictator appear to the outside world as the expression of a single will.

"In a democracy, there is no suppression of private judgment. There is no suppression of outside contacts, and there is no coercion by secret police—and admittedly that increases the difficulty of any government in the time of preparation and planning.

"But when trouble comes, the fact that the people know the Government's policy and have approved, the government's decision registers the overwhelming force of free men and individual will (applause).

Hitler Rates It Low

"And it is that unity of purpose which Herr Hitler rates so low that will be, if I mistake not, the principle cause of his defeat. The strain of modern war is very great, but there is no doubt in my mind, and I think there will be none in yours, that it will be borne more easily by men who are in from conviction than by men who are in it by coercion (applause)."

Discussing the events which led to the seizure of Czechoslovakia, Lord Halifax said that it became quite clear that Hitler, even after Munich was all over, was profoundly dissatisfied. It became rapidly clear that Hitler, in fact, objected to the way of procedure by settlement through negotiation, and that he actually resented being baulked of a war over Czechoslovakia.

Lord Halifax also had no doubt that he was also dissatisfied because he had hoped that after Munich Britain would be lulled into a sense of security and close down her rearmament plan, leaving him in the position of master of Europe.

Britain's Instinct

"I think it is certainly true that the instinct of our people throughout history has driven them to resist any attempt by one nation to make itself master of Europe," he went on.

He compared present events with those of the 19th century, when the sea-power of Britain was not challenged.

It was no coincidence that this century "saw a great development of liberty throughout the world, and there is, I think, no more striking instance to be found of the different use to which great strength can be put than that provided by this country and by Germany."

"No small nation has ever regarded our sea-power as a menace to its ordinary and legitimate development (applause), but that is not so with Germany. No sooner had the land and air force of Germany regained their strength after the last war than a kind of trembling began."

Doubtless Right

Germany's neighbours began to feel that not only their liberty but possibly their very existence was threatened. Therefore, he felt he was right in saying that if the British people in the past had been right in

PADEREWSKI LOCKS UP HIS PIANO

Paris, Yesterday:
Ignace Paderewski, world-famous pianist and first Premier of Poland after the Great War, will not play again till Polish independence is restored.

The day Hitler launched his troops on Poland, Paderewski locked his piano and announced his return to politics.

When he returned to his Paris hotel to-day from Angers, seat

of the new Polish Government, he found a piano in his sitting-room and ordered its removal.

—Reuter.

FOUR RAID ALARMS

HELSINKI, YESTERDAY:
FOUR AIR RAID ALARMS WERE
SOUNDED IN HELSINKI TO-DAY,
FROM 11 A.M. TO SUNSET.

No bombs were dropped in the city, or suburbs, but other towns in southern Finland were heavily bombed.

Fifteen Red planes were reported over a small town north of Helsinki, and in the capital the faint rumble of bombs was heard.—Reuter.

hold down by force those territories she had incorporated into the Reich.

Divisions are moving, too, in the British Commonwealth. But they were divisions of free men, moving to join forces with Britain in the fighting line.

Challenge Of History

"We have always been ready to recognise the special interest Germans had in those parts of Europe, which for geographical or economic reasons occupied for her a special importance and in which she was entitled to claim such special interests."

"But once it became clear that the purpose of German policy was domination by absorption of non-German peoples, then it was, to my mind, overwhelmingly plain that we were once more faced by the identical challenge of history which no amount of Hitler's assurances could dispel."

Lord Halifax referred to Hitler's speech shortly after the war, in which the Fuehrer "objected strongly" when foreign statesmen said he had broken his word because he had "carried out these revisions."

On the contrary, Hitler said, he had carried out his solemn promise to the German people to put an end to the Versailles Treaty. In other words, any breach of promise was in Hitler's view justified if it helped him to realise his aims.

Lord Halifax had no doubt that if they had abided by Hitler's assurances, he would, when he had strengthened his hold on Europe, have turned his attention to the main obstacle to world domination, the British Commonwealth and France.

Stepping Stones

He thought it also true to say that Hitler regarded any promise he made "as stepping stones to the realisation of his next ambition, and any agreement with him would have been equally provisional." The Nazi Government would have no scruples in abandoning any treaties or promises they made.

"Look at what happened to Finland. Germany assailed Finland to maintain her independence in 1918 and has been on most friendly terms and relations with her ever since."

Yet now Finland was threatened by a brutal aggressor, Germany, by one of the most cynical acrobatic feats known in political history, had abandoned her.

Aid To Finland

"It is not in the public interest for me to disclose the measures which the Government have taken, and are taking, to fulfil their undertaking to give assistance to Finland, but you may rely on the Government to see to it that our agreement to help her is not an idle expression of academic or formal sympathy (applause)."

He contrasted the position between Britain and Germany. "In Austria, Bohemia, Moravia and Poland, Germany had to send many divisions to

RUSSIANS RETREAT AT HIGH SPEED

Helsinki, Yesterday:
One of two Soviet divisions in the Salla sector has had all its communications broken and now faces a Finnish counter-attack.

After participating in the smashing Red attack, the division was forced to retreat to fortified positions.

Much war material was captured along the Red route of retreat but much was saved by the speed with which the Russians retired.

A Finnish communiqué makes the first mention of Swedish pilots, who successfully bombed Russian columns and troop concentrations.—Reuter.

150 BOMBS DROPPED

Helsinki, Yesterday:

Six Soviet planes dropped 150 bombs between Kemijärvi and Pelkosenniemi, 30 miles to the north.

Several much-bombed towns in south-west Finland, including Hangö, were raided again yesterday.

Two people hitherto reported wounded and serious material damage was done.—Reuter.

MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE

Moscow, Yesterday:

A Red Army communiqué says: "In the Kitele district of the Petrozavodsk area, one of our reconnaissance units annihilated an enemy battalion." —Reuter.

FINNISH CLAIMS

Helsinki, Yesterday:

The Finns claim further successes north of Lake Ladoga, where they have destroyed five Russian tanks.—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.

This morning's French war communiqué states that a sharp encounter between patrols occurred in German territory near the River Bliess last night.

The communiqué says that a Nazi fighting plane was brought down behind the French lines yesterday.—Reuter.

POPE ON PROSPECTS OF EARLY PEACE

WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY:
"THE IMMEDIATE CHANCES OF PEACE ARE
REDUCED TO A SLIGHT PROBABILITY" SAYS
THE POPE IN A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
ROOSEVELT MADE PUBLIC TO-DAY.

This, says the Pope, is due to "a stubborn obstacle which is becoming more difficult to surmount."

The message is the Pope's reply to President Roosevelt's Christmas peace message.

The Pope describes President Roosevelt's message as "an exemplary act of fraternal and hearty solidarity between the new and old world in defence against the chilling breath of aggressive anti-Christian tendencies that threaten to dry up the fountain-head from which civilisation has come."

Referring to the time when peace might have been achieved, His Holiness states: "Only he will be able to discern the path that should be followed who unites with a high political power and in clear understandings of the voice of humanity and sincere precepts of life found in the Gospels of Christ."

COMITY OF NATIONS

"Only men of such moral stature will be able to create a peace compensating for the incalculable sacrifices of this war and clear the way for a comity of nations fair to all, efficient and sustained by mutual confidence." —Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.

The first meeting of the Polish Government, to be held at the Polish Embassy in Paris on Tuesday, was held.

—Reuter.

CANADA'S WAR LOAN SUCCESS

Ottawa, Yesterday:
Canada's first war loan has been over-subscribed by £27,000,000. Though the total sought was only £24,500,000, the sum of £71,500,000 was subscribed.—Reuter.

WATERING BRITON'S BEER

London, Yesterday:

An agreeable relaxation of rationing is announced for Monday; bacon and ham are so plentiful that the Government is permitting the purchase without coupon of cooked bacon and ham and uncooked fore-hocks and gammon.

The manufacture of "incon" is being discontinued, and the Government advises consumers in the circumstances to eat mutton in its natural state.

Supplies of margarine, of which consumption has risen 50 per cent., are now being made up and no rationing is expected.

There is a positive glut of eggs, which are selling a penny apiece, which is actually lower than the usual January price.

Denmark is sending the full quantity despite U-boats and magnetic mines, and Egyptian eggs are arriving tenfold normal.

Dried fruit prices are being lowered owing to huge supplies from Turkey and Greece.

WATERING THE DEER

In the first fortnight rationing worked well and there was no inconvenience. All restaurants continue to serve the customary roll and butter, and sugar is plentiful.

Only saddening note is the warning that beer is likely to be weaker owing to the need for conserving barley as feed for livestock.

Beer is still four times as strong as in the Great War, so there is some margin yet for reduction of its strengthening qualities.—Reuter.

WINDHUK MUTINY?

London, Yesterday:

A lifeboat belonging to the German liner Windhuk, which escaped from Lobito (Portuguese West Africa) in November, has arrived at Las Palmas with five officers of the Windhuk on board.

This is reported by the Las Palmas correspondent of "The Times."

The lifeboat is stated to have left Lobito on November 5. The reason the small boat left the Windhuk is unknown.

According to the "Daily Mail" correspondent of the "Daily Mail" in Port Elizabeth, the Windhuk arrived at Santos (Brazil) on December 7 and was forbidden to leave port.—Reuter.

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